



Tough non co-operation policy threatens to paralyse Europe in worst crisis for 23 years 🗆 Sceptics hail PM's strategy over beef ban

Major goes to war with Europe

'Breach of faith' goads Cabinet into reprisals

Patrick Wintour

OHN MAJOR provoked the biggest crisis in Anglo-European relations since Britain joined the Euro-pean Union in 1973 by declaring yesterday a policy of non co-operation with her part-ners in retaliation at their refusal to lift the ban on Britisb beef exports. An angry John Major

accused unnamed partners, known to include the German Chancellor, Heimut Kohl, of a breach of faith and a wilful disregard of Britain's inter-With immediate effect, the

new policy - agreed yester-day with the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, and the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke — means Britain will first use its veto to block the passage of all EU directives requiring unanimity. Britain will also adopt a

policy of non co-operation at meetings of the Inter-Governmental Conference. If no solu-tion is found by the start of the next EU Heads of Government summit in Florence on June 21 and 22, Mr Major vowed to disrupt its proceedings and refuse to sign any communique at Florence, so

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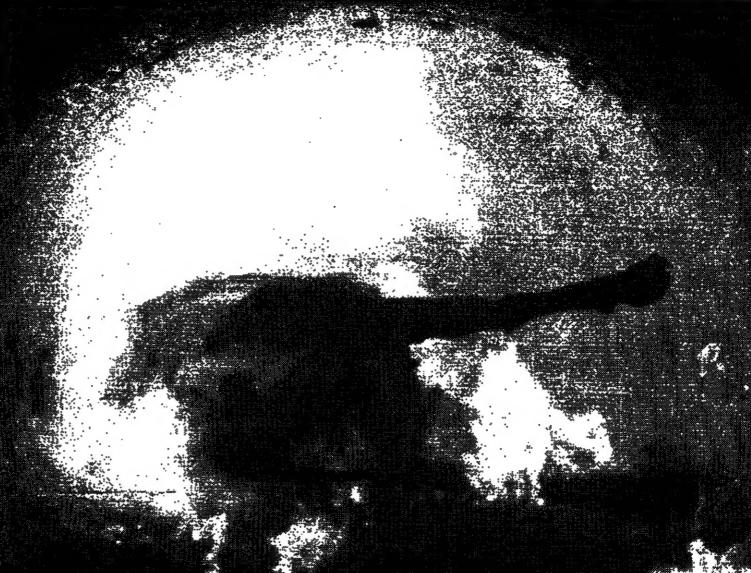
nal political victory against the party's pro-European wing, so casting the die for a fiercely patriotic Conserva-tive re-election strategy. Privately, the sceptics were forecasting that Mr Major would be forced to take fur-

ther measures soon. in the Commons, Tory MPs taunted Mr Blair and Mr Ashdown, with one Euro-sceptic, Sir Peter Tapsell, claiming they had shown themselves incapable of speaking for Britain. The chairman of the backbench 1922 Committe Sir Marcus Fox, said: "Enough is enough. If they don't get the message, the European Union is not going to be the same ever again."

Mr Major's drastic plans to paralyse Europe follows Brit-ish ministers' exasperation at the repeated refusal of EU countries to take even limited steps to lift the seven-week ban on British beef products.

The policy of attrition. agreed in outline by the Cabinet last week, was sanctioned in detail with the pro-Euro-pean Mr Clarke and the chief terday morning. Mr Rifkind, who had already canvassed Cabinet Minister Cabinet Ministers for retaliatory options, gave his endorsement yesterday afternoon.

Friends of Mr Clarke inal nullity.





Blocking moves

The Prime Minister's threat would involve Britain in blocking . .

 May 23, Brussels, Civil Protection Council: discussion of co-operation in fighting natural disasters.

May 28, Brussels, Internal Market Council: liscussion on crossfrontier trade issues

June 3, Luxembourg, Social Affairs and Finance Ministers' Councils: social chapter discussions on workers' rights.

June 4, Luxembourg Justice and Home Affairs Ministers' Council: attempts to reach agreement on Europol

June 10, Luxembourg. Fisheries Ministers' Council: reaching fishing agreements with third untries

The policy takes Mr Major to the brink of breaking both EU and British law, but the depite prior assurances of support. I must tell the House

wilful disreard of Britain's in-terests and in some cases a breach of faith." might be making a serious po-sition worse, adding: "The language at the moment is

There was no scentific case for continuing the ban, he said. Legal proceedings to lift all the bans would begin this week. "These legal steps are not sufficient. I have to tell the House that without pro-gress towards lifting the ban, we cannot be expected to continue to co-operate normally on other community busi-ness. I say this with great reluctance, but the EU oper-

ates through goodwill. If we do not benefit from goodwill from partners, clearly we cannot reciprocate.

"We cannot continue busi-ness as usual within Europe when we are faced with this clear disregard by some of our partners of reason, commonsense and Britain's national interests.

Delighted Tory Euro-scep-tics claimed that Mr Major had achieved a massive inter- | Taylor, page 9

CBI urges peace in our time

'In this pungent atmosphere of romantic nationalism and churlish xenophobia, I sometimes wonder if there are some among us who have failed to notice that the war with Germany has ended'

Sir Bryan Nicholson, President of the CBI, speaking Story page 11 last night.

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been forced into accepting the retaliatory package, but was a genuine, if reluctant, convert. strategy has been pitched to prevent Britain being ex-posed to counter legal action. The Prime Minister rounded on his European partners, especially Spain, defuse potentially its worst partners, especially Spain, Germany and Austria, say-ing: "A balanced proposal on the best scientific advice had been ignored by a number of

that I regard such action as a | counselled that Mr Major language at the moment is strong but there is an absence of particulars as to exactly

what you mean."

Labour privately see the non co-operation statement as a piece of patriotic bluster that affects only three direc-tives and will be lifted once the EU lifts the ban on beef derivatives.

The Liberal Democrat leader, Paddy Ashdown, claimed: "Most people will conclude that the Euro-scep-tic minority on your backfore it broke on March 20. Mr Hogg told Franz Fischler, the Austrian agriculture combenches have now taken control of the Government's foreign policy, and that this has much more to do with ap-peasing them than with

restoring confidence in the beef market." Scientific dilemma, page 4; Leader comment, page 8; Edwine Currie and Teddy

compromise dealing. Officials in Brussels were incredulous at the British in-

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word of crisis leaks out pub-licly. It is what the Germans and Danes did over swine fe-ver, and France, too, has generally squared officialdom in Brussels in advance. The Brit-ish government with its instinctive scepticism did not

Within days, the drawbacks of the Hogg approach became clear, as European countries rapidly imposed their own

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Douglas Hogg: Undiplomatic, Scandinavian diplomat. anconvincing

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bans on British beef, followed closely by the rest of the world.

The Commission found itself dragged into endorsing the bans in the absence of any formal approaches from Britain, which even rejected a request to send its chief veterinary officer to the first crisis meeting

the last two days," said one. It did not work. Mr Hogg ban on all beef products only through smart footwork by the two British European Commissioners, Sir Leon announced in advance that he would be expecting a date for lifting the ban and that pro-posals for a limited cull of up to 42,000 cattle from herds in Commissioners, Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock, but Mr Hogg then immediately put up a disastrous perfor-mance at an emergency meet-ing of agricalture ministers in Luxembourg. They were appalled at what

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they took to be an arrogant and blustering approach by the minister, who shouted and put forward no detailed farms minister plans for eradicating BSE from British herds. Britain Bluster: "British beef can was isolated 14 to one and Mr be eaten with Hogg left Luxembourg with no promise of a date for endconfidence."

Douglas Hogg, March 23 ing the ban and no firm fig-The ban stays: "We came ures on compensation - the a long way in two days." two things he had demanded. April 3 Fellow ministers were astounded by his performance. Mass slaughter? "The

government has no intention of adopting any "Your minister — is he thought much of a politician in Britain? He does not seem to be very good at diplo-macy," said one incredulous such measure,⁸ April 16

Watch out, Europe: "There was ao talk of retaliation." Despite Mr Hogg having been told he must come up with a detailed plan of action April 23

42,000 cattle to die, but the ban stays: "We have broken through by a combination of science, logic and tough talking." by the end of April, commis-sion officials said Britain made only the most desultory approaches to them in the four weeks between meetings. At the end-of-April meeting Mr Hogg tried a different tac-April 30

Bluster: "The essential tic charm. It had an unnerv-ing effect on French diploquestion to ask is, 1s British beef safe?" and the nats: "What can this mean? answer is 'yes'." He has been smiling at us for May 1

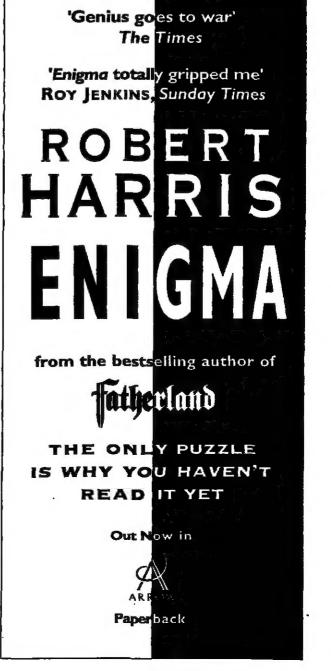
Cull doubled, but the ban stays: "Good progress has been made today." May 15

The ban stays: "It was very disappointing for the British government, for the commission, and also in relation to Europe..." which BSE had been detected would be implemented only if that was forthcoming. It was not and the minister was May 21 Turn to page 3, column 1

June 11, Luxembourg, Culture Ministers' Meeting: agreements on crossfrontier cooperation.

June 17, Luxembourg. Transport talks: discussion of negotiations with US on air landing rights.

■ June 22-23, Florence, EU leaders' summit: discussion about the intergovernmental conference PHOTOGRAPH: NIGEL DICKENSON reforming the EU.







missioner, who has largely sided with the British case, that protocol demanded the Commons be told first. It put relations on to a bad footing and annoyed a potential ally: the Commission is the source

of compensation funding and

sensitivity: pointing out that other governments usually approach the Commission

privately with potential prob-lems and secure a rescue package or crisis manage-ment deal well before any of experts in Brussels. The Government headed off an immediate, open-ended

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Don't panic! Major drills dad's army



Simon Hoggart

T WAS the day war broke out. The Prime Minister's voice crackled over the microphone. "No such undertaking has been received, and consequently this country is at war with Germany, and all the other lot too."

The moment he sat down (having uttered slightly different but similar words to Nevent but similar words to Nev-ille Chamberlain) we expected sirens warning of the first air raid, as a lone Messerschmidt was spotted wheeling through the summer skies above Lowestoft. Children should have been running home from school in tin helmets, gas masks in cardboard boxes

swinging around their necks. "Put t'kettle on, mother," I said, "We'll have a nice cup of tes." We were not to know, but the long phoney war had

begun. Like so many of John Ma-jor's statements this one hovered between solemnity and farce. His declaration of war on the EU was more effective because of Mr Major's pedantic. old-fashioned diction.

Even the happy baying of his back-benchers — "yurr yurr", "hyah! hyah!" and "hrmmuh" — sounded won-derfully elderly, as if uttered by men who still wore morning suits to the Commons.

"I have to tell the House that I regard such action as wilful disregard of Britain's interests . . . I have to tell the House that without progress towards lifting the ban, we cannot be expected to continue to co-operste on other Community business," he declared.

The old men growled behind him. Some of them must have been listening to the wireless in 1939. Did they hear the echo of "T have to tall you no such undertaking has been received"?

He sat down to the loudest cheer he has heard for months. Tony Blair did less well. It wasn't his fault. Labour has predicted for

First night

years that our slack approach to BSE would bring disaster. But in these dark days when the nation — or at least the Tory party — is united in the face of the enemy, being right is not enough. He went on too long and was jeered. Mr Major switched from March of History mode back t Mr Peevish. The Labour leader had not expressed a single view of how to handle the matter, he whinged, though this was somewhat unfair, since there's a reasonable chance that Labour policies would have avoided the im-broglio in the first place. A few moments later we were gifted with a vintage Ma-ionismo alumnum a circa that he jorism, always a sign that he is more rattled than he is let-ting on. Paddy Ashdown de-

clared that the BSE eradication scheme was descending into "Disorder! Chaos! Farce And flasco!" He spat out each word with relish and

Then he spoiled it by adding: "Abbatoirs across the country have been ringing me up to say that they are withlrawing from the scheme!" The image of a slaughter house making a phone call

made the more sycophantic Tories collapse in giggles. By this time the Prime Minister was feeling silly too. We

asked a question of superla-

tive pomposity, even by his high standards. "The leaders of the two Op-

position parties have been in capable of speaking for Brit-

meant to sound ringing, but it merely sounded daft. I have to

tell this newspaper (the style

is infectious) that the British public is not blaming Messrs

Ashdown and Blair for the

The all-clear sounded. Mr

beef crisis.

ain!" he declared. It was

know the signs. He pauses, like a comedian poised to deliver a killer punch line. Then he says something quite batty, in this case: "I will only suggest that if abbatoirs were ringing the right honourable

gentleman, they were solicit-ing for custom!" What on earth did he mean? in Bonn reports

Who can say? Who could possibly care? Peter Tapsell (C, Lindsey E) ERMANY's famed

> union and opposition leaders moved to marshall their forces against Chancellor Helmut Kohl's austerity cam

Kohl's plan to slash spending, to fight his way out of a worsening public finance crisis, could sink the chancellor's dream of a single European UTTENCY

Major sat down, and we started queuing for ration books, sun-dried tomatoes chorizo sausage, Roquefort and Chianti — we shall not see their like for many years.

were affected by warning strikes against a planned two year pay freeze. Government and union leaders engaged in

an unusual war of words. Dister Schulte, head of the control of the upper house of ion federation, acc



for commuters if not for the streets in a show of support government. Potential for union negotiators, who engers in a suburb wait for a train that has been cancelled because of a employers today. The union lightening stike called by the public service workers'

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The SPD will be able to derail the scheme through its

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Chancellor Kohl's plans to reduce the public sector deficit, which threatens his government off its planned dream of a single European



COLOGNE: Bus drivers strike against the government's plan to slash spending next year. Their union. OeTV, plans nationwide action by tens of thousands of workers a day

German 'miracle' begins to fade away

Trade unions are determined to sink

planned spending cuts, lan Traynor

post-war consensus threatened to un-

paign and spending cuts. The showdown over Dr

are due to begin a fourth round of pay talks with More than 100,000 public

sector workers paralysed pub-lic transport and postal ser-vices in several cities yesterday, and even some government offices in Bonn

is demanding a 4.5 per cent pay rise

Classic case of love and guts

Michael Billington *********************

Phaedra's Love Gate Theatre, London

S doesn't give up. Her first play, Blasted, was reviled and revered for its graphic violence. In Phaedra's Love, at the Gate in Not-ting Hill, she weaves a variation on classical myth and works her way through masturbation, fellatio, rape, cas-tration and disembowelment. Viscerally, her play has un-deniable power: intellectually, it's hard to see what point it is making. Nodding in the direction of Euripides and Seneca, Kane takes a caustic look at illicit royal passion. Her Hippolytus is a heartless, reclusive, present-day prince who keeps to his quarters, where he moodily watches television and plays with remote-controlled toy cars. His stepmother, Phaedra, loves him to distraction and even offers

him a heady sexual service. Appalled by his coldness and the fact that he has also slept with her daughter she goes out and hangs herself. Hippolytus is imprisoned, argues the toss about the existence of God with a priest and, on Theseus's return, is desexed by an angry populace brutally stabbed by his father In classical legend, the

power of the story lies in two things: the sense of stepmotherly passion beating against moral restraint, and the punishment of Hippolytus for spurning the power of love. Put the story in a modern context and most of that inter-

nal conflict disappears. Since Phaedra's daughter urges her mother to have a right royal fling wherever she eases, you hardly feel that

the court is a model of decorum. Since Hippolytus has women sent in on demand, rather like Chinese meals, he is scarcely an exemplar of chastity. Take away the mora framework, and you are left with a sensational

melodrama. Sarah Kane's point appears to be that modern royalty is a debased myth; that it poses as a national emblem while being prey to all kinds of tortured passion. But it is never clear whether Kane is attacking royalty as such, or the vo-

racious, voyeuristic populace When the priest tells the prince that "your sexual indis-cretion is of no interest to anyone — the stability of the country is", you wonder on what planet he has been living. And the final image of the people savagely turning on their dysfunctional prince implies that they are even more corrupted than the monarchy itself

As in Blasted, Kane's anger is manifestly sincere; but she has yet to find what Eliot called an "objective correlative" for her fury. Neverthe-less, with the action erupting in the midst of the spectators, her own production is under ably involving, her dialogue is often laconically funny and her cast are admirably

Cas Harkins as the hermetic Hippolytus, Philippa Williams as the distraught Phaedra and Andrew Maud as a doctor, a riest and Theseus all do ster-

ling work. Kane is obviously a force to reckon with; but I still long to see a play where she persuades the audience of her vision rather than shocks it into submission. This review appeared in later

editions yesterday

Wolfgang Schäuble, the num-Dr Kohl needs the cuts to ber two in the chancellor's Christian Democrats, of lying meet the key single currency criteria on budget deficit and about the government's prostate-debt ceilings. But while the cuts programme is barely out of the starting blocks, the gramme, which he dubbed a catalogue of "monstrosity". Mr Schulte and other union grim economic news mounts

bosses met leaders of the op-position Social Democrats almost by the day. On Monday the Organisa-tion for Economic Co-opera-(SPD) to try and forge an opposition pact against Dr tion and Development in Kohl's plan to freeze public Paris predicted German eco sector wages, cut social secunomic growth this year of a rity, unemployment benefits and sick pay, and freeze child mere 0.5 per cent compared with a 2.4 per cent projection six months ago. Yesterday the benefits. The programme is economics ministry in Bonn confirmed the economy has supposed to save DM70 billion. (£32 billion) next year, the been in recession for the past six months, although it did benchmark year for meeting the terms of the proposed single European currency. not use the taboo R-word.

year and next are expected to fall almost DM90 billion short of what was budgeted, mainly because of scaring unemploy ment of almost 4 million. ment of almost 4 million. Rudolf Scharping, the SPD parliamentary leader, yester-day urged the finance minis-ter, Theo Waigel, to draft a new 1996 budget including at least DMI0 billion in fresh widdle bestparing as 17 per

nublic borrowing - a 17 per cent increase in the slated borrowing requirement this year. This further threatens to torpedo Dr Kohl's alm of cutting the budget deficit to 3 per cent next year, the ceiling for qual-ifying for European monetary

with union leaders warn-

envy and conflict through exaggerated criticism and unnecessary threats".

"We urge the employee organisations not to revert to the obsolete class-war thinking of bygone decades," Mr

Schäuble declared. While Dr Kohl affects to be unperturbed by the widening polarisation, apparently convinced that the public realises the need for radical reform of Germany's expensive welfare system, union leaders complain that the spending cuts are inequitable, and that company profits are rising much faster than pay.

In Frankfurt yesterday, yesterday that the public German share prices rose to purse was empty.

The government contends The German economy that the cuts are the medicine ccording to the OECD is needed to reinvigorate likely to grow by only growth and create jobs. In 0.5 per cent this year. 🛛 Ünemployment January it trumpeted the · of package as the way to halve 4.2 million (above 10 per the 4 million unemployed cent) is the highest for 60 level by the turn of the cen-tury, but the cabinet now reckons only on cutting the years. 🗆 In western Germany. manufacturing labour costs are DM44 (£19) an hour, level by 800,000, according to

the news weekly rocus. Yesterday's strikes came on the eve of a crucial fourth round of public sector pay bargaining. Manfred compared with £9.50 in Britain. D Public spending accounts for over 50 per cent

bargaining. Manfred Kanther, the interior minisof GDP, compared with 40.5 per cent in the UK. ter who will head the employ-ers' side at today's talks, said The tax shortfall is likely to be DM67 billion in 1997.

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Cancer drug trials send shares in profitless company soaring

lan King SMALL Oxford-based the disease. The company biotechnology company that has never sold a said the trials had suggested that marimastat could slow product - let alone made a the progression of ovarian and nancreatic cancer, causprofit - vesterday saw its shares soar by almost £8 each ing only limited side effects. to £38.25 after upbeat news on Announcing the details its latest cancer drug. British Biotech, which was Peter Lewis, British Biotech'

research and development di rector, said that on the basis of such "encouraging" valued at £152 million when it was floated on the stock market in 1992, was last night worth over £1.9 billion after results, the company was planning a larger trial programme. British Biotech was quick

its shares fell back to end the day up 285p at £33.15. A year ago, the shares were however, to play down sug-gestions that it has discov-ered a definitive cure for canworth just over £5 each. The company is valued al-most as highly as Railtrack, and more highly than either cer, and insisted that it did not want to build up the

hopes of cancer patients, James Noble, the group fi-nance director, said: "We had hundreds of inquiries after the oil exploration firm Lasmo, Selfridges' owner Sears, mining group Lonrho, or W. H. Smith.

City investors hurried to buy the shares after British Biotech said "positive again, which I am dreading. results" of marimastat, its But under the regulations,

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people must take part in our trial to receive the treatment, anti-cancer drug, had been recorded in patients suffering from four different forms of and it's down to the doctors to decide who goes in.' Marimastat - which is

taken in the form of a pill — is part of a family of drugs called matrix-metalloproteinases, enzymes which are involved in destroying old or damaged tissues, and which are thought to be able to balt

the spread of tumours with-out actually killing them. City analysts welcomed news of the trials and espe-cially indications that marimastat had helped to prolong the lives of some patients They said that if, as expected, marimastat reached so-called

phase three trials, it would have a 60 to 80 per cent chance of hitting the market. Julia Dickson, of stock-

broker Greig Middleton, said she expected British Biotech shares to reach around £44 if marimastat ever reached the market

She added: "These results

were very good, and the mor-tality data was particularly exciting. If this is repeated in the phase three trials we are looking at a very big drug indeed

Other analysts were more sceptical, however, and com-pared the valuation being put on companies like British Biotech with their American

Counterparts. One said: "US biotech in-vestors are looking aghast at what is happening in Europe. There is simply too much money being pumped in, and a correction will happen

The value given to British Biotech by the City has al-ready made fortunes for sev-eral of the group's directors. Keith McCullagh, the group's chief executive, who cofounded the company 10 years

ago, is sitting on a stake worth over £25 million. But Mr Noble insisted: None of us are thinking of

retiring yet."

week, the market for the kit is expected to be worth over \$1 billion a year. Veteran feminist leaders in-

THE first legal and political battle over the ownership cluding Gloria Steinem, Betty Friedan and Bella Abzug yesof human genes got under way in the United States yesterday joined a coalition of over 250 women's and public terday, when a coalition of health groups to protest that women politicians and public health groups united to pre-vent the breast cancer gene human genes should not be patented for profit.

US groups unite to stop company

patenting 'breast cancer' gene

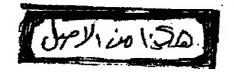
They called for internafrom falling into private tional genetic privacy legislation and filed suit to require the US Patent Office to stop granting patents on genes. Myriad Genetics, the bio-

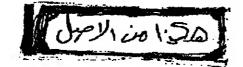
technology company which last year indentified a gene which seems to be closely "This is the start of the genetics rights movement which encs rights movement which is going to become as impor-tant as human rights and civil rights," said Jeremy Riv-kin, one of the organisers. The Patent Office said it had to abide by a US linked to breast cancer, is determined to patent the gene and exploit it commercially.

All women have the gene, named BRCA1. A small proportion of them have a muhad to abide by a US supreme tated version, and of these 85 per cent develop breast court decision of 1980, that General Electric could patent a micro-organism it had de-

Myriad plans to offer veloped to eat oil spills. That women a screening test, at a cost of \$900 (2600) a time. was the key legal principle allowing the patenting of life. which will allow them to dis-cover whether their version Myriad and other biotechnology companies argue that is mutated. In the US alone, genetic research is so costly where breast cancer kills they must be given the incen-nearly a thousand women a tive of commercial profit.

Does someone know your agenda for the coming week better than you? Do you know who they are? Are you being stalked on the net? read mother of god by DAVID AMBROSE Then start worrying.... PAN A WHSMITH THUMPING GOOD READ 1996





Unionists' ultimatum to Major

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

HE Ulster Unionist leader, David Trim-ble, last night warned John Major that he would bring down the Gov-ernment if there was "any backsliding" on the need for an IRA ceasefire and decommissioning at the outset of the June all-party talks. Mr Trimble made clear that he expects the proposals con-tained in the Mitchell report on decommissioning illegal paramilitary to be met in full.

following Sinn Fein's an-nouncement that it will sign up to the report's six Firm commitments would be required to implement and

honour the Mitchell suggestion that there should be actual decommissioning alongside talks. Unless this was at the top of the June 10 agenda. and until it was successfully resolved. "there is no merit in broadening the discussions," Mr Trimble said. "I would remind the (Brit-

ish and Irish) governments and parties that any progress beyond this point requires our agreement. In the wake of (Gerry) Adams's purported acceptance of the Mitchell report, we are alert to the danger of further pressure on John Major to again dilute the Government's position. "I want to make it clear that any backsliding by the prime minister on the twin issues of the ceasefire and decommissioning would be regarded as a fundamental breach of faith . . . In such circumstances, I would have no hesitation in recommending to my parliamentary col

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ę. had drawn a line in the sand. "Unionists cannot and will not negotiate with a gun pointed at their heads." Mr Adams, the Sinn Fein president, yesterday refused to condemn paramilitary vio-

lence and said he did not know if the IRA would announce a fresh ceasefire Speaking a day after an-nouncing that he was pre-pared to sign up to the six "Mitchell principles" of non-violence. Mr Adams said: "Condemnations and denun-ciations may sound good in terms of the sound-bite or in terms of the politics of the establishment. They won't work.

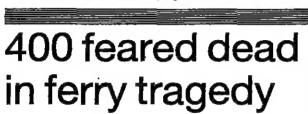
Launching his party's manifesto for the May 30 elec-tions to a forum which will lead into all-party talks 10 days later. Mr Adams said that Sinn Fein would turn up at the venue for the all-narty talks armed only with their mandate. He did not know if the JRA would call a new

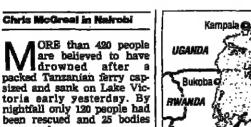
ceasefire. He appealed to Unionist leaders to reflect "at this critical moment" that whenever there were genuine efforts by Irish republicans to move the situation forward, they were "repudiated and rubbished".

The Irish prime minister, John Bruton, said it was likely he and Mr Major would be at the opening of next month's all-party talks on the

future of Northern Ireland. • A second IRA prisoner was yesterday transferred from England to an Irish jail. Bren-dan Dowd, aged 47, serving a life sentence for three counts of attempted murder, was handed over to the custody of

Irish prison officers at Stan-sted airport, to be taken to Portlaoise prison. Last week Patrick Kelly was moved leagues to oppose the from Northern Ireland to the said that be Mr Trimble





the fine art of living like a lord — at a total cost of £800,000 to the taxpayer **Dan Glaister** Arts Correspondent

T IS one of the most exclu-sive clubs in the country. It pays £280,000 a year in rent, its chairman spends £29,000 a year on car hire, and it pro-duces a glossy annual brochure at a cost of £10,800. Yet, despite appearances, the **Royal Fine Art Commission is** not a club but "the ultimate authority for consultation on

Ics", according to its remit. Yesterday that taste came under withering attack with the publication of a Depart-ment of National Heritage report, commissioned by the former Heritage Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, in March 1994. It puts the overall cost of the commission to the tax-

payer at £800,000 per year. The commission exists to advise the Government on architectural projects.

The report, by former civil servant Sir Geoffrey Chipper-field, condemns the lavish style of the commission's chairman, the commission's £280,000 accommodation charges in his report, saying: "While these are no doubt reasonable for a Lord St John of Fawsley, for mer Conservative Arts Minis

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ter Norman St John-Stevas. When not enjoying the at-tention of his two deputy secbuilding of the size and charretaries, three secretaries, a part-time public relations as-sistant and his driver, Lord sive as this house provides. Fawsley, according to Who's Who, is also a member of sev-eral *bono fide* London clubs, including White's, the Gar

rick, Pratt's, the Arts club, Grillons and The Other. The report was completed in the summer of 1994, but has been doing the round of government departments as they attempt to coordinate their responses. It had been thought that the delay was to Ritchie.

Former Minister discovers

allow Lord Fawsley time to reach the end of his second five-year term before bowing out gracefully. But two weeks ago he was granted a third

The Chipperfield report says: "The commission should, as in all things, consider whether the annual report could be produced more economically." The most recent contro-versy followed Lord Fawsley's condemnation of the pro-posed 500ft Millennium ferris wheel on London's South Bank. Despite the approval of

leading architects, including Sir Richard Rogers and Sir Norman Foster, he dismissed the plan as "wholly unsuit-able" and was reportedly rude to the architects con-cerned at a meeting. "This led to an applosy from

This led to an apology from the then secretary of the comacter of 7, St James's Square, I have questioned the need for accommodation as impresmission, Sherban Cantacu zino, who wrote to the archi tects saying: "I am sure that he enjoys putting people down, all of us have suffered There are 18 unelected commissioners, including Lord Fawsley. They include archi-tects, planners and designers, from his bullying". David Marks, one of the ar-chitects behind the ferris

ranging from Giles Worsley, editor of Prince Charles's wheel, said yesterday: 'It is a reflection of the quality of its membership and chairman rather than the institution. favourite architecture magazine, to property developer Stuart Lipton, traditionalist architect Quinlan Terry and the more modernist lan As a concept it is quite a good

The full colour annual Lord Fawsley was unavailreport introduced by Lord Fawsley to replace a black able for comment yesterday. In a statement, however, the commission, established in 1924, welcomed the report's "helpful recommendations". and white document has been described as a "taxpayerfunded version of Hello! mag-

azine". It includes photo-graphs of Lord Fawsley with royalty and politicians, and contains approving reports on architecture commis-sioned by Lord Fawsley.



for his eclecticism

uncompromising line of approach

ONCE referred to as "the thinking woman's Larry Grayson," Lord St John of Fawsley is one of the few people who can still be relied on to voice his unequivocal support for both the royal family and the

ope, writes Gary Younge. The son of a Greek engineer and an arty Irish mother, Lord St John, aged 67, was minister of state for the arts in Edward Heath's the meeting with no refer-government and arts minis- ence to anybody else".



Manna from beaven . . . Lord St John in his incarnation as Arts Minister appraising the Henry Moore altar in St Stephen Walbrook, London, and, left, the bronze horses of San Marco

er in Margaret Thatcher's first government from 1979 to 1981. He took senior shadow roles during the

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years in between. The MP for Chelmsford from 1964 to 1987, he has since being made a life peer concentrated his efforts on

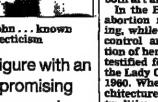
the arts. With his regal tastes and Edwardian style — he car-ries a walking stick and has been known to wear purple slippers embroidered with his family crest — Lord St John has proved to be a Catholic intellectual with distinctly eclectle tastes in both art and politics.

In the House he opposed abortion rights and hang-ing, while supporting birth control and the preservation of hereditary peers. He testified for the defence in the Lady Chatterley trial in 1960. When it comes to ar-chitecture he is close to the traditional values of the Prince of Wales, but his favourite painting is the abstract expressionism of **Jackson Pollock's Number**

The unpredictable nature of his tastes appear to be rivalled only by the aggressive manner in which he fights his corner. When arguing against the proposal to put a ferris wheel on the South Bank, one architect said, "he sat on the table. centre-stage, and conducted

Lord St John . . . known Regal figure with an





matters of taste and aesthet-

recovered.

The disaster happened when the MV Bukoba struck a rock about 20 miles northwest of the Tanzanian port of Mwanza, at the southern end of Lake Victoria. Two other ships spotted her capsize and a number of vessels came to the rescue, including the larg est ship on the lake, the MV

Victoria. But despite their efforts, the ferry, owned by Tanzanian Railways, is reported to have sunk so swiftly that there was little hope for most of the passengers, crammed inside cabtns and the hold.

Many of the victims are likely to have been Tanzanian merchants and peasant farmers, transporting goods and crops to market, although the ferries are also popular with foreign backpackers. Salim Nsoma, principal sec-retary at the Tanzanian min-

istry of transport, said last night that the search would continue, despite the poor chances of finding survivors. Crocodiles and hippopotamuses are among predators in the lake.

in the lake. Tanzania's president, Ben-jamin Mkapa, declared three drowned. Only six survived.

Hogg's blundering progress through councils of Europe

continued from page 1 forced to put the best face on that 42,000 was the maximum it could do. That allowed the things by predicting an immi-nent lifting of the ban on byproducts such as gelatin and callow.

The Government has hung itself to that limited prospect ever since and has secured the grudging support of the European Commission — but again this week its miscalculation became apparent when the expert veterinary committee refused to endorse even a partial lifting of the ban.

Again the minister blun-dered, letting it be known that Britain would be prepared to slaughter up to 60,000 cattle,

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days of national mourning for the victims.

Mr Nsoma denied reports that the ferry was overloaded, and said it had recently passed a seaworthiness inspection. However, Tanzanian railway sources said the ageing vessel had been due for retirement very soon.

The ferry was among many which ply Lake Victoria, usually overflowing with passen-gers travelling between Tan-zania, Kenya and Uganda. Traffic on Africa's largest lake is largely unregulated since the collapse of the region's trading bloc, 20 years ago, and the disintegration of the jointly-run East African effect as lawyers at the senior partner and assistant level Railways. A crowded boat capsized in

rough weather on April 25, on realise this."

salary for a lawyer. The latest advert was for three corporate finance solicitors "comfortable with merg-ers, acquisitions and reconstructions" to join Chadbourne & Parke at be-

tween £200,000 and £700,000, depending on track record. At £700,000 a year, home-grown lawyers would join the having previously insisted ranks of the superstar soccer

issue of the cull to become hopelessly mixed with the byproducts ban and left Europe ans asking whether Britain was serious about eradicating

the disease. Mr Hogg bats on implace bly. "Member states should now accept their responsibil-

ities and agree to a rapid end-ing of the ban," he told the Commons. The trouble is that after 63 days of Hogg diplo-macy, bluster, politicking and

players like Stan Collymore, who at £16,000-a-week is the country's highest paid Parke may be American, but footballer. the income tax will be Brit-

foothaller. Stephen Rodney, director of recruitment company Quarry Dougall, said that leading American law firms have been offering top salaries for two years. the income tax will be black ish. A Coopers & Lybrand tax specialist estimated a total of \$250,000 on the \$700,000 pay packet and \$80,000 on the \$200,000 offer. There is another price to the income tax will be black specialist estimated a total of \$250,000 on the \$200,000 offer. There is another price to the income tax will be black specialist estimated a total of \$250,000 on the \$200,000 offer. There is another price to two years. He said: "It is not a case of

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Having made a fortune from his "downsizing" message, Stephen Roach can now expect to earn it all over again by telling companies how to cope with the malign consequences of heeding his earlier advice. "But Steve. we fired all our workers, just like you told us, and now we have an empty factory. What can we do?" "Uh, rehire them."

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and it's all legal salaries and said the parallels Sarah Ryle with footballers were more to do with the high quality per-HE closest most British formance demanded than lawyers have come to stratospheric salaries is with the size of the fees

stratospheric salaries is "If you pay £7 million for the million-dollar legal world Andy Cole and he doesn't score goals then you would expect him to be axed. Law-yers are expected to produce the goods as well. You don't of television's LA Law, but vesterday an American firm brought the reality of US-style pay packets to the UK by placing an advertisement ofjust pay somebody that kind of money to come in and fering up to £700,000 for three top City solicitors. Recruitment consultant Joe sweep the floor."

Laurence Simons, head of Macrae, acting for the New York partnership, said: "New York firms offer higher, and an international legal recruit-ment firm, said: "At the top in some cases significantly higher, wages in London than their British counterparts. This has started to have an

cities like Washington and LA it is not uncommon for salaries to be about \$1 million which is about £700,000. He said salaries of £500,000 were a very rare achievement for British solicitors. A part-

He said \$450,000 was the highest previously advertised pany would be more likely to make about £200,000 a year.

But at dining tables in Washington, top lawyers have been shaking their heads sympathetically at the relative poverty of their British counterparts for some time. A former Rhodes Scholar who studied at Oxford University said: "Our British friends really do not earn

anything like the amounts we The pay at Chadbourne &

He said: "It is not a case of upping the ante for the very top jobs, although there is ga-zumping for assistant part-ners which the American Serve a jurnbud in "

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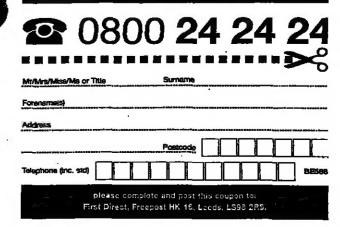
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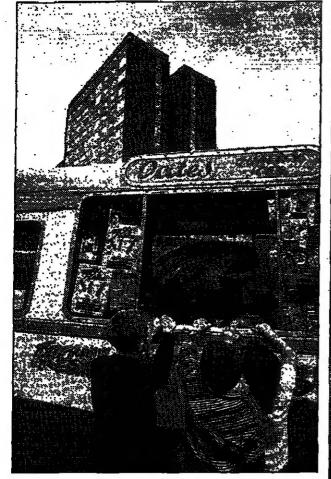
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Boy tells how stone slab killed pensioner

Child, 11, denies manslaughter at block of flats, reports Martin Wainwright

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PRIMARY schoolboy | on my tiptoes, pushed it over accused of killing a and let it drop down. I was pensioner with a con having some fun. It is fun yesterday that he had toppled the missile from the top of a nine-storey tower block be-cause he liked being naughty and it was "fun"

The 11-year-old boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, clung to his mother's arm at Leeds crown court as he denied the manslaughter of Edna Condie, aged 74, Her

Young life (top left) in the area of Grayson Heights, and (above) the flats where a pensioner died i he had not wanted the slab to of the pair, who also cannot hit anyone. Earlier the court was told dant] found this brick. I said: bad and no fun being the boy, who was 10 at the You are not throwing that time of the tragedy last August, had laughed and off. He said: 'Just watch me and see' and just threw it off and hit a lady on the head." good." He admitted he knew what he had done was wrong and said he was able to tell the shouted: "I'm not bothered", after being told someone had been killed by the slab. Two of his friends, aged nine at the time and with him on the roof, said they had seen people below and Looking distressed, he told a woman interviewer on the difference between right and wrong. He and two friends had evaded the block's security video, filmed the day after the tragedy: "I saw it hit her." He made a crunching sound, imi-tating the slab landing, and system by ringing an elderly tenant's buzzer and persuad-ing her they lived in the warned him not to topple the said: "She fell down on the stone. floor.

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dant's friends immediately told his mother what had happened. The second boy to give video evidence said the defen-dant, had led the way up to the roof, saying: "Twe got a sur-

over and prise for you." He made his two friends turn their backs while he let it drop down. I was lifted the slah on to the narapet, and then said: "You can having some tarn round now." oor." The boy witness told the Mrs Condie, who lived in jury of nine women and three fun. It is

ran off, and one of the defen-

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bill revolt Rebocce Smithers and Patrick Wintow

WO rising rightwing stars of the Tory back benches were forced to resign as parliamen-tary private secretaries last night after they voted against the central plank of the Gov-ernment's Broadcasting Bill cross media limiting

John Whittingdale, MP for Colchester South and Maldon, once political adviser to Margaret Thatcher and now an alde to the education minister Eric Forth, and Peter Atkin-son, MP for Hezham and PPS to two Foreign Office minis-ters including Jeremy Hanley, defied government whips with an amendment. They tabled and then

backed the amendment which would have allowed newspaper groups such as News International and the Mirror Group to buy stakes in terrestrial television comp anies. The two-men immedi ately resigned when their amendment was defeated by just one vote - 14 to 13. Last night Mr Whittingdale

said: "I am very sorry to leave the Government."

Mr Atkinson said his resig-nation was a "a formality", and that he had no regrets. "I believe in liberalisation and

free trade. I am fundamen ince trace. I am tuncamen-tally opposed to shutting the Minror out of the market." Both men held intensive discussions with heritage

ministers before vesterday's vote to try to persuade the Government to accept a relaxation.

The Guardian Wednesday May 22 1996

Tory MPs quit after media

The amendment would have cut through the Broadcasting Bill by allowing newscasting Bill by allowing news-paper groups to buy stakes in terrestrial TV companies regardless of their share of the newspaper market; so long as it was decreed to be in the public interest. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Sec-retary, inheriting a policy from Stephen Dorrell, had in-sisted no newspaper group with more than a 20 per cent share in the newspaper marshare in the newspaper mar-ket should be allowed a stake

in commercial TV. The threshold blocks both Rupert Murdoch's News In-ternational and the Mirror from seeking a stake in Channel 3 and 5 TV franchises. The Labour heritage test

led by Geoff Hoon and Lewis Moonie, claimed the 20 per cent share had been an arbitrary choice and could only be seen as an attempt to pre-vent the Labour-leaning Mirror Group building a sizeable TV empire to match that of

Associated Newspapers and News International's satellite TV interests.

Nike scores Euro 96 own goal with stars of poster campaign

must be destroyed". Not by him - he has not made John Duncan Sports Corresp France's final 22. HE curse of Nike has struck Euro 96, with many of the footballers chosen by the company for a poster cam-paign either omitted from their national squad, or on the point of being omitted. Until last month one even ooked as if he would spend the tournament in jail. The weekend news that the Frenchmen Eric Cantona and David Ginola would not be playing in the European soc-cer championships next month sent shivers around Nike headquarters and revived memories of the sportswear company's disas-trous 1992 Olympic poster campaign. Then it put all its resources into pushing the "invincible" talents of Noursaid the spokesman. eddine Morceli (did not start), Sergei Bubka (did not fea-

Another has Newcastle United team-mates Ginola and Les Ferdinand together with the slogan "Friendship expires 6/96". Ginola is out and Ferdinand is doubtful for

England. Nike is left with defender Paolo Maldini, the Italy cap-tain, a safe bet, and Dutch striker Patrick Kluivert, who was facing jail in Holland over a fatal car accident, but escaped a jail term last month. The company has become as creative in finding ways to explain its situation as it has in devising the posters. "We make bold statements and enjoy not being "safe' which means occasionally our campaigns can work against us

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play for the same club, come summer that friendship will go was crushed by the 191b | block. "Then we went on the The court heard the chil (did not run very fast). dren had been taking part in a craze for bluffing their way into the flats and burling slab as she returned from men: "When I looked down, I fun being roof and started throwing the flats, was killed instantly, The company has invested shopping. The boy admitted heaving the dislodged stone on to the parapet of Grayson Heights in Kirkstall, Leeds. "I just stood collapsing in a pool of blood in front of her husband saw two people. It took about two seconds for the brick to in 2,000 poster sites, including out of the window. With the bad and several hundred featuring several hundred featuring Camtona poster the caption Cantona which declare: "Tve does not say he himself will worked hard to improve destroy England." Something small stones, rubbish and or-anges off the roof. George, aged 76, and daughter Janet Smith, aged 43. The hit the lady. I beard a bang no fun and somebody screaming worked hard to improve Interviewed on video, one | court heard the three boys | being good' The case continues today. English football - now it of a Nike distinction

Fear outweighs science as distrust clogs EU diplomacy on beef

Popular opinion on Continent blocks lifting of export ban

Owen Bowcott

OHN Major's threat to Tretaliate against the der, should the latest prom-European Union if the ises be trusted? The BSE cases known as not lifted focused attention yesterday on the scientific yesterday on the scientific feed Ban — also highlight the row at the heart of the diplo-shifting sands of scientific matic crisis

European doubts over Britain's plans to eradicate BSE have long been heightened hy the fact that nearly 27,000 cattle born after the Govern-ment's 1988 ban on infected feed have contracted the

If previous measures trumpeted by ministers at West- sists that any maternal trans-

minster as a definitive cure did not work, then why, Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Benelux countries won-Babs - cattle Born After the culture ministries are close

with months of distrust. The Spanish agricultural counsel-lor in London, Luis Esterueconsensus and the relative absence of firm data about the las, yesterday claimed that his ministers had "not been well briefed" by their UK progress of the disease. Experiments are still being conducted by the Ministry of

Agriculture into fears that the disease is passed from cows to calves at birth. The counterparts. "There's a lack of information," he said. "We don't have details of their slaughter pro-gramme. We were briefed by the ministry last Priday but department no longer excludes the possibility, but in-

mission is small. Nor has po-liftical wordplay eased fears 80,000 cattle being slaugh-that BSE may trigger a wide-scale outbreak of C.D. the detailed and specific pro-scale outbreak of C.D. the detailed and specific prohuman equivalent of the disgramme of BSE eradicati ease. The Government repeat-edly describes British beef as Spain has insisted that EU inspectors oversee the process safe to eat, but officials qual-ify the statement when to ensure it is conducted effectively. Some member states have suggested a The channels of diplomatic communication between the 200,000-head cull as a minimum. ministry and other EU agri-

Britain says such mass destruction of herds is not based on clear grounds of risk limitation. But it is objectors like Ger-

Such a cynical calculation may also be leading British negotiators to belittle the genmany, openly admitting that the ultimate aim must be to restore consumer confidence uine scientific fears being raised in Brussels. "I think it's more a matter of public opinion," a government spokesman suggested yesterin beef, which have touched upon what appears to be the main source of resistance to lifting the ban - the conti-nental domestic voters. day. "There's a bit of science in there but not a lot at this Popular fears about the ef-

lift the ban.

in Britain, according to the prepare for ministry, has reached nearly 95 per cent of the levels prior confrontation to the latest scare, in Ger-

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many consumption is only at 70 per cent and in Italy not EUROPEAN politicians and cofficials who opposed end-ing the beef ban ware unremuch above 50 per cent. With such widespread fears, there is little political incentive for pentant last night as they pre-European Union ministers to pared for a long confrontation with Britain. Even Britain's allies were

reluctant to support Mr Maior's non-co-operation policy. Bonn: German officials gave no signals of retreat from the hard line Bonn has taken on the ban.

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us has important national in- | mad cow disease. Ms Palacios terests and maybe bull semen | described the slaughter prodescribed the slaughter proand gelatin are in the posals as insufficient. national interest as exports, a foreign ministry official said. "But that doesn't justify bringing the entire European

alt.'

Paris: The Elysee Palace last night refused to comment on Britain's decision to go slow on European projects. But a spokesman for the pres-Union process to a grinding ident underlined France's Bonn insisted it was acting support for a partial lifting of to shore up collapsed confi-dence in its own beef industhe EU ban.

Echoing the support Presi-dent Jacques Chirac offered Britain during his visit last week, the spokesman said: "We had hoped to see scientry. "The German consumer is not interested in confidence-building measures, but in food safety." Madrid: "We cannot play tific agreement in the veteriaround with consumers' health," said Spain's new agriculture minister, Loyola de Palacios, defending her nary committee. We sup-ported a partial lifting of the

The agriculture minister Philippe Vasseur, said: "It is not in Britain's interest to They accused Downing lifting the ban. Street of overreacting. "We speaking in Brussels, she toughen its stand. Great Brit an will complicate matters in the BSE scare alive. Each of a coherent plan to eradicate it goes ahead with its threat." toughen its stand. Great Britain will complicate matters if

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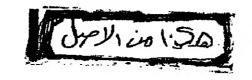


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Eriend Clouston on a new treatment

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy with leukaemia has become the first in Britain to undergo an ex-perimental operation which offers new hope to sufferers, it was announced yesterday. Two weeks later, another child, aged seven, suffering from a rare form of anaemia was also in another hospital. The four-year-old Asian boy, identified only as Bi-

lal, received a transfusion of blood taken from the um-bilical cord of bis new-born brother. Such blood is rich in stem cells, from which other blood cells form.

with or without trans-plants of bone marrow, Doctors at Glasgow's royal hospital for sick chilwhere blood is produced. dren must now wait up to a year to see whether Bilal But doctors believe transfusion of umbilical cord blood improves after the opera-tion, which took place on may be more effective. The second transplant, on



Bilal, aged four, with his younger brother Aadil, whose donation of umbilical cord blood may help him fight lenkaemia

April 4. He has been dis-charged from hospital. April 23, took place at Lon-don's Great Ormond Street children's hospital on Vijay Leukaemia, a form of can-cer of the blood, is usually Negi, from north London. He received blood cord treated by chemotherapy. cells taken at the birth of his baby sister. Vijay suf-fers from Fanconi anaemia - said to be an "extremely rare" condition with no cure other than stem cell transplantation. Yesterday

he was said to be making a "very good recovery" at Great Ormond Street. There has been growing interest in harpessing the potential of the umbilical cord. Around 200 transplants have been completed abroad, but until last month all British attempts had failed.

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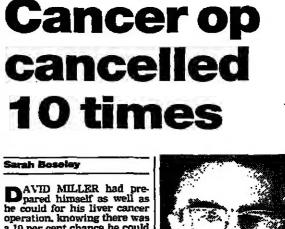
The procedure raises the

ethical issue of "designer conception". Bilal's mother was already pregnant be-fore the possibility of recycling her cord blood was raised, but his doctor said desperate parents might feel driven to conceive in order to save a child. "It is not something I

would encourage; children tients, some of whom die should be conceived and while on the waiting list.

PHOTOGRAPH: MURDO MacLEOD born for themselves." said

consultant haematologist Brenda Gibson. The hospital had failed to find a suitable bone mar-row donor for Bilal, who had had leukaemia from birth. At present, suitable donors can only be found for about three out of 10 pa-



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wheeled into theatre. Finally, he could take no more and made arrangements to have the operation pri-vately. But when the surgeon

- eventually opened him up, it was decided that the tumours were too advanced to remove.

Recovering from surgery at his Surrey home before he undergoes chemotherapy, Mr Miller, aged 64, said he did not know whether the delay, which lasted a month, had worsened his condition to the point where it became inoper-

ted it was at fault.

able. "But it does beg the question," he said. "It will always be in the back of our minds." His case bears out the

warnings of 27 medical direc-tors in London and the Souththe house. east, who last year warned the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, that cancer patients were failing to get the surgery they needed because there were not enough intensive care beds. It is exactly the reason Mr Miller was given. Three weeks after Mr Miller first wrote to protest at his treatment, the Hammersmith Hoenites NHS Trust admit

ing sorry, it's not on." The couple have a son, Pat-rick, aged 25, and a daughter, Katrina, aged 23, who is a nurse at St Thomas's Hospital. "She is appalled, and so are her colleagues," he said. Mr Miller was first booked Hospitals NHS Trust admit-

"I was appalled to read the catalogue of events which you for admission on March 26. After several postponements, he was admitted on April 2for an operation on April 4. On April 12, with the surgeon about to leave the country for a week, he went home. Ten days later, he was admitted

for the operation privately. Mr Miller blamed "the sys-tem and a shortage of money". Yesterday the hospi-tal said its intensive care unit Thas been under severe pres-sure over the past three months, with a number of exthe BBC1 programme Here and Now, said: "I don't want to draw attention to my trust is to hold a full inquiry.

Girls face murder trial

John Mullin

WO schoolgirls were yesterday charged with murdering Louise Allen the 13-year-old who died after a disturbance following a visit to a fair-ground in Corby, Northamptonshire, last month.

The defendants, aged 12 and 13, appeared before magisirates at a specially convened sitting of a youth court in Ket-tering, Northamptonshire, yesterday. They had been accused of haemorrhage. Her father, John Allen,

manslaughter, but Crown aged 40, a lorry driver, from of Corby, and the famil Prosecution Service lawyers Glasgow before moving to the local parish priest, spoke decided to charge them with former steel town, said: "We Louise as a mother figure.

murder. The girls, who cannot be our little soul, Louise. No words will ever be able to denamed for legal reasons, were remanded in the custody of scribe the pain we feel now she is no longer with us. She was a wonderful daughter the local authority. Louise died the day after who, like any normal 13-yearshe was allegedly kicked un-conscious as she went to the old girl, lived life to the full." Mr Allen, and his wife aid of her best friend, Rebecca Ellen, 34, have two other chil-

the more serious offence of | are devastated at the loss of

Tyson. Doctors switched off her life support machine at Rettering general hospital after consulting her parents. A post mortem examination showed she died from a brain dren, John, 10, and two-year old Dean. More than 1.000 people crowded into Our Lady and Pope John School, Corby, which Louise had attended for a mass in her honour. The Rev Peter Wilson, Dean

of Corby, and the family's local parish priest, spoke of

ELEVISION'S notorious The corporation has a more serious reason for offering 2500 for the tapes' return: in spite of the doddery nature of the Summer Wine cast, view-ers are unlikely to take bigding the table series or offer chatterbox Nora Batty has finally been silenced by a gang of thieves — who are in for a shock. The haul of £75,000 worth of BBC sound recording equip-ment, snatched from a film kindly to the series as a silent movie.

rew's van on location near Buddersfield, includes the only copy of the soundtrack for a new series of the comedy Without the tapes, scanes including this year's Christ-mas special may have to be re-shot, while actors will have to re-record their Yorkshire

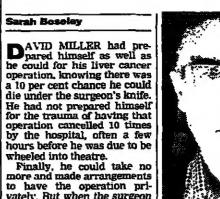
Last of the Summer Wine. "For their sake, you can only hope they're fans," said a spokeswoman at the BBC, conjuring up images of the version, the BBC said, beburglars examining their cause shooting of the five epi-

spoils and finding only Nora berating her elderly Pennine suitors. | sodes had only finished late the previous day. The three men in balaclavas who broke into the van at

4.30am on Monday are said recounted in your letters," wrote the general manager Fiona Kergoat on May 1. "I apologise unreservedly for this totally unacceptable chain of events and the disnot to resemble Compo and his pals, but their baul may prove as useless as the Summer Wine trio's various inventive schemes.

tress and inconvenience that "The tapes are of absolutely this must have caused you and your family ... I am so very sorry that the trust failed to provide you with the treatment that you required." no use to anyone but us --just rushes of sound which won't make sense without the film," said the spokeswoman. The reward has been of-Mr Miller, who will tell his story tonight on television in fered on the John Birtian principle that paying it out would be considerably cheaper than having to re-record the five episodes.

Thieves silence TV comedy



- the same one who would have operated under the NHS David Miller: victim of lack

of intensive care beds plight, I just want to publicise the appalling situation at Hammersmith Hospital in the hope that it will enable the administration to reorganise

their procedures so that it doesn't happen to anybody else. He spoke of his "feeling of utter helplessness". The worst moment, he said, was

the fourth cancellation, minutes before he and his wife Rosemary were due to leave

"The crude word is gutted - it was like a blow in the stomach. I had packed yet again and Rosemary and I were going to leave at 1.30 and we got a phone call at 1.20 say-

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Right wing tries to score points from admiral's death

Suicide 'caused by snotty Clintonoids'

Martin Walker In Washington

DMIRAL Mike Boorda was a victim political correct-ess in the White House, President Reagan's secretary of the navy said yes-terday, as conservatives and Republicans fought to score political points from last week's suicide of the chief of naval operations.

The former navy secretary. John Lehman, claimed that Adm Boorda was "driven to his death by a relentless lynch mob" of anti-militarists in the White House. His attack came as Presi-

dent Clinton addressed the memorial service for Adm Boorda at the National Cathedral, where he stressed: "No person should ever question his deep sense of honour. The admiral took his life on

Thursday, rather than face two Newsweek reporters who were to interview him on his right to wear combat pins, in the shape of the letter V for valour, on his medals. His suicide note said that he had worn them by "honest mis-take", but did not want to make the navy suffer another bruising scandal.

For the right wing, Adm Boorda was one more casu-alty in "the firestorm that has leaving the service in disgust;

over sexual harassment, according to Mr Lehman. Tailhook was the convention of navy carrier pilots, at which drunken celebrations spilled over in 1990 to sexual harassment of women sailors. "The scandal was sure to have faded but for the fact that the new president, who

in his younger days said proudly that he 'loathed' the military, brought in an administration staffed by for-mer war protesters who largely shared the prejudices ynch mob," Mr Lehman said. "Add to these factions the more extreme wings of the blocked after a complaint that he had not "sensitively"

reviewed the case of a woman helicopter pilot appealing feminist and gay movements. They piled on because the navy has epitomised to them against a fitness report saying she did not fly well enough. The defence secretary, Wilwhat they see as the homo-phobic, macho culture of the liam Perry, stressed yesterday: "It is time to stop evalu-ating people by activities at Tailhook five years ago." He added that be had now formilitary, and they see a great opportunity to bring it down." After purges of the navy's upper ranks by "the White mally asked the Senate armed services committee to stop House commissars of political correctness", not just the considering Tailhook when spirit of the navy was now at risk but also its military effec-

The ultra-conservative Washington Times yesterday said Adm Boorda "let down tiveness, Mr Lehman said. "Fourteen admirals have been cashiered and over 300 naval aviators have had their careers ended, all without his beloved navy by betraying it into the hands of snotty even a semblance of due pro-Clintonoids who think that no opportunity must be missed to emasculate the military".

> 'stop Alemán'' campaign. The FSLN's most obvious potential ally is the Sandi-nista Renewal Movement, a

breakaway party led by Ser-gio Ramirez, Mr Ortega's for-

mer vice-president. However,

is hard to envisage the two making up before the first

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been consuming the navy" 53 per cent of post-command since the Tailhook scandal aviator commanders resigned aviator commanders resigned last year. These are the best of the best and won't be replaceable for a generation." Another former navy secre-tary. James Webb, has at-tacked "the destruction of the careers of some of the finest avlators in the navy based on hearsay and unsubstantiated allegations" A new furore has arisen over the failure of Adm Boorda to stand up for Admiral Stanley Arthur. His pro motion to commander-in-chief in the Pacific was

they reviewed navy candi-dates for promotion.



Mayor motors ahead in Nicaragua power race

by the president they had helped elect, Mr Alemán

remained the only unrecon-

structed anti-Sandinista hold-

He has used his office's

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His main rival is likely to

ing executive power.

Chris Taylor in Managua reports on the frontrunner for the presidency

RNOLDO ALEMAN has a knack for the telling gesture. One of his first resources to build his standing, and has survived a coracts on becoming mayor of Managua, capital of Nicararuption case in which his subordinates were found guilty of gua, was to send council misusing public funds. workmen to whitewash over the revolutionary murals which proliferated under the unity among the various liberal mini-parties as a basis Sandinista government. for his presidential bid.

In the six years since then, the pugnacious rightwing be Daniel Ortega, the former gua (Up with Nicaragua) populist has transformed president who won the Sandi- party is apparently modelled

Peru's ice maiden comes in from the cold after 500 years on top of original candidate for mayor. While the UNO quickly fragmented, its parliamen-tary leaders cold-shouldered what some have seen as a

a volcano

AN Incan mummy that lay for 500 years in a frozen tomb on top of a Peruvian volcano made her international debut yester-day with a little help from Hillary Clinton (behind case), Joonne Kenen writes from Washington. The mummy, known as the "ice maiden", will be on display in a special air-by Joban Reinhard, an an-

conditioned chamber at the National Geographic Soci-ety until June 19, when she will be returned to Peru for further study. Struck on the head and apparently sacrificed to the

gods at the age of 13, the "a phenomenal coura-ge".The unveiling was also attended by the Peruvian

thropologist at Chicago's | president, Alberto Fuji-Field Museum, and his mori. The mummy was recently studied at Johns colleagues Her death was probably meant to appease the gods, Hopkins University in Baltimore, where doctors used possibly to avert disaster. Mr Reinhard told reporters. He said she must have had a sense of majesty and

the most advanced x-ray and computer technology to peer inside with little damage to the best-preserved mummy ever found from pre-Columbian Amer-ica. PHOTOGRAPH: STEPHEN JAFFE

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Saddam may slip up on oil deal New Zealand

Iragi joy at the easing of sanctions could backfire on the president, writes lan Black

Of the many other candidates, only Alvaro Robelo's well-financed campaign has raised a blip in opinion polls.

RAQIS celebrated in the ate him and violate Irag's streets of Baghdad yester day after Saddam Hussein's So in finally accepting the sovereignty. So in finally accepting the

cceptance of the United highly intrusive powers of lations oil-for-food deal. It is being widely welcomed trol over finances and distriacceptance of the United Nations oil for food deal.

Agreement on the terms will go some way to defusing Arab and Western concerns about the 500,000 Iraqis estinated to have died since 1990, child malnutrition, and hospi-tal operations without drugs or anaesthetics.

manitarian catastrophe, but also provides a formidable It will make it harder for France and Russia to argue the humanitarian case, almeans of social control.

leaps into unknown with election

Mark Trevelyan In Wellington

NEW Zealand's prime min-ister, Jim Bolger, fired the first shots of a marathon

One immediate danger is that President Saddam might try to divert existing resources from Illicit oil sales to finance new arms pur-chases. He could also increase funds for the ration system which has helped avert a hu-

the deal.

Bangladesh army

ponucai n body into the frontrunner for Nicaragua's presidential election in October.

So run down was the sprawling city he inherited that when he built the country's first roundabout and put a coloured fountain in the middle, it was halled as a triumph of urban renewal. He was elected to the city

council in 1990 when the Sandinistas were swept from office at national and local level. But his real success lay in organising a coup among opposition alliance (UNO) councillors to displace their

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tion earlier this month. Recent polls have put Mr Aleman in the lead with foreign investment. about 30 per cent, but suggest the election may well go to a second-round run-off. The Sandinistas depict the elections as a battle to stop

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the country returning to a into money-laundering. He denies any wrongdoing. Whoever Mr Aleman evennew version of the 45-year So moza dictatorship, as personi-fied by Mr Alemán, who was briefly imprisoned under the tually faces in the election. Managua, home to about a quarter of the country's 42 million people, will be the crucial battleground. He has Sandinista government for al-leged "counter-revolu-

leged "counte tionary" activities. The FSLN chose a wealthy spent six years the non-Sandinista landowner as up his advantage. spent six years there building

CODIS PO but their jubilation may be Italia. He promises to use his business contacts to attract premature.

Iraq's official media predictably presented the presi-dent's volte-face as the first But another Italian connection has dealt a blow to his step towards the total removal of UN sanctions. campaign, with Italian prosecutors naming him in connec-"Today we caused a crack in the wall of the embargo and tion with an investigation tomorrow we shall pull it down," crowed the Al-Jumburiya newspaper.

Monday's accord allows Baghdad to sell \$2 billion (£1.3 billion) worth of oll over six months to buy the humanitarian goods and medicine that sanctions put beyond the

each of most people. Until then President Saddam had baulked at accepting what he called a "cowards" charter", on the grounds that the strict international super-vision it meant would humili-

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

A military court ordered the detention yesterday

of a leading human rights ac-

tivist who had complained of corruption and oppression in

areas run by Yasser Arafat's

Eyyad Sarraj, head of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights (PICCR), has been de-

clared a prisoner of con-

science by Amnesty Interna-tional, which has called for his immediate and uncondi-tional release.

home in Gaza City on Satur-day, 12 days after being

quoted in a New York Times report as saying the self-rule

government was "corrupt,

lictatorial and oppressive".

Dr Sarraj is the respected head of a Gaza mental health

project. He was arrested and briefly detained last Decem-ber after criticising the au-thority as dictatorial.

Yesterday he appeared be-fore a military judge of the state security court, notori-ous for its late-night sittings in judgment of alleged Islam-iet avtremiete

ist extremists. According to the PICCR, Dr

Sarraj was ordered to be de-tained for a further 15 days for "the continuation of inter-

rogation procedures". No for-

mal charge had been brought. The Gaza-based Palestinian

Centre for Human Rights con-

firmed the detention order, and dru The centre's director. Raji homes.

was arrested at his

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Arafat critic

NTT LGA them with trading opportuni-ties they complained were being lost because of Iraq's isolation. The United States and Brit-the United States and Britown weakness. But he is also gambling that Iraq's first legal hard currency earnings in nearly six years will make him stronger.

The imponderable is to what extent the regime will benefit from all this'

Beyond that, he hopes the arrangement is the first step to normalisation. It will cerain, the leading hawks on the issue, risk undermining their determination to keep sanctions in place.

tainly give other parties a vested interest in ensuring that Iraq is once again a via-Washington and London in-sist that before sanctions can ble trading partner. Although its permitted oil exports will be lifted, Baghdad has to pay compensation to war victims, release all prisoners and co-operate with the UN special be only 600,000 barrels a day - compared to 3.2 million barrels a day before the inva-sion of Kuwait — this will whet appetites for more. commission tracking down Iraq's nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons.

n yesterday announcing the country would go to the polls on October 12.

The country of 3.5 million will leap into the political unknown as it elects its parliahim is not the love of the people but the fact that he'd ment for the first time under a proportional representation system that will favour coalirun out of money to spend on illicit purposes." But there is the risk that people will turn against him tion governments.

Mr Bolger told parliament as the dinar strengthens, food his conservative National Party government, which for slowly returns to the shops and expectations rise. Some the past six years has built on discordant voices in Baghdad free-market reforms enacted by Labour in the 1980s, would were wondering yesterday resist attempts to turn back the clock. "We will vigorously oppose all who seek to take New Zealand back to a failed why it had taken so long to do the deal. The UN's humanitarian co-ordinator in Iraq said yester-day that although the accord would improve living condi-tions, the amount of imported relief goods would be "modest".

past," he said. Mr Bolger had to call a general election within six months to avoid a costly and distracting by-election in a eat where an opposition MP resigned over a local scandal. resigned over a local scandal. Despite a comfortable lead in the polls, National is set to fall well short of an overall majority under proportional representation and lacks a vi-able coalition partner. Parties of the left are deeply split, with little prospect of forging an electoral alliance. An opinion poll yesterday showed National and the main opposition Labour

main opposition Labour Party continuing to lose ground to the New Zealand First Party. which favours "economic sovereignty" and wants to limit foreign owner-ship of companies to less than Diplomats said they had

reports that up to 10 other officers loyal to the deposed army chief were also under house arrest, though this could not be independently confirmed. 25 per cent. The poll put support for New Zealand First at 29 per cent, up seven points, com-pared to National, down five to 35 per cent and Labour. State media said that down three to 15. The leftwing Alliance Party was steady

with 11 per cent support. New Zealand First has soared in popularity since launching a strident campaign for cuts in immigra-tion. It denies accusations of

racist bias against Asians. The deputy prime minister. Don McKinnon said the gov-ernment would campaign on Dolicies for some for an analysis. a low-rate, broad-based tax system, a free labour market, and price stability. The announcement of an election came inst tax

The announcement of an election came just two days before a tax-cutting budget in which the finance minister, Bill Birch, will unveil the treasury's latest growth forecasts.

National claims credit for a strong economic recovery that has enabled it to repay debt, cut taxes and build surpluses. But it has a battle on its hands to win acceptance of controversial health and edu-cation reforms and cut hospital waiting lists. Immigration. especially from Asia, has also emerged as an emosive issue - Reuter.

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Sourani, who is Dr Sarraj's lawyer, visited him15 min-utes before the hearing, but was not informed of its immi-Arshad Mahmud in Dhaka and Agencies Bang ANGLADESH'S presi-dent, Abdur Rahman Biswas, appeared last night to have brought the army high command under his control after about

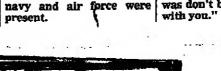
Mr Arafat established the state security courts by presi-dential decree. As the Centre his resignation. The previous day he had

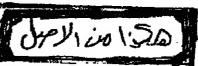
Abu Saleh Mohammed Nasim.

legal representation, and often the charge is not known to the defendant before he apconspiracy" by the presi-dent's Bangladesh Nation-alist Party to sabotage national elections schedpears before the court. "Previous trials have oc-curred in the middle of the night, lasting little more than

an hour. The state security court defies all fair trial stan-dards and violates basic human rights principles." • In a report on last month's President Biswas sacked Gen Nasim for disobeying a bombardment by Israel, the Lebanese army claims that 147 towns and villages were targeted, some 11,000 civilians suffered material loss, and around £16 million worth of

damage was done to private property. The estimates did not include extensive damage Rahman — appointed by Mr Biswas — called on the president shortly after asto roads, power installations, and other public property. The bombardment, ostensibly suming command yesterday. State television showed their meeting, at in response to guerrilla rocket attacks on Israel. which the chiefs of the killed around 200 civilians and drove 400,000 from their





brought into line Gen Nasim and some of his officers were under guard in a house inside the Dhaka garrison, sources

nence. Dr Sarraj was not rep-resented at the brief hearing. According to a note from Dr According to a note inten by Sarraj to Mr Sourani, the judge questioned him about an accusation of "libel and defamation" based on his com-ments in the New York Times. 5,000 activists of the largest political party, the Awami confirmed. League, marched through central Dhaka demanding

for Human Rights commented yesterday: "They follow no due procedures, deny accused persons the right to prepare a proper defence or to have dismissed the popular army chief, Lieutenant-General

The Awami League saw the general's departure as the result of a "deep-rooted

aled for June 12 — a suspi-cion shared by many independent commentators.

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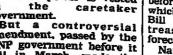
weekend to dismiss two commanders suspected by the president of aligning

themselves with the Awami League. The new army chief, Major-General Mahbubur

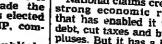
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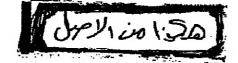
praised the president's action against the officers, parading slogans in the street like: "President Biswas don't be afraid; we are

troops who had left their barracks outside Dhaka apparently in support of Gen Nasim had all gone back. In central Dhaka there were no signs of troop movements and things ap-peared to be returning to normal. But there was widespread unease about the forthcoming elections. The head of the caretaker government, Mohammed Habibur, said in a televised speech that the president had acted on his own against the officers. Under the constitution, executive power is vested in the caretaker government. But a controversial amendment, passed by the In central Dhaka there



amendment, passed by the BNP government before it fell in March, made the president, who was elected by MPs of the BNP, commander-in-chief.





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Sofia's asylums of death

WORLD NEWS 7 Communists fight for centre ground

Despite recent reforms to Bulgaria's mental health system, children have been left to freeze to death, writes Julian Borger in Chichil

ered to their beds last winter and left to freeze at night when the heating was turned off to save money. Fifteen children, a quarter of the home's patients, died as a result — victims of a thread-bare and inhumane system that is only only of the system that is only gradually being

reformed. A British volunteer nurse who visited in Chichil last August wrote a report de-scribing conditions there as a crime against humanity. The

government promised changes but they will be too late to save the children. It is unclear how many mentally handicapped Bul-garians died over the winter in other institutions. Govern-ment officials admit conditions are as bad as Chichil in 18 other homes that have been earmarked for closure.

Sixteen months have passed since the brutal nature of Bulgaria's asylums came to light. The socialist government elected in December 1994 embarked on a series of reforms of the mental health

system. Some of the worst institutions, which resembled gulags in their conditions and horrific death rates, have been closed, their inmates sent to more humane homes. Day care centres have been opened, and a new social welfare act has been passed giving disabled Bulgarians greater rights. But the system inherited

from communism is entrenched. Jobs and money are at stake. Reforms are hampered by a lack of funds and territorial disputes between central government and local councils

On a visit to the Chichil home, it is easy to see how so many perished. The two-storey building is disintegrat-ing. Plaster has fallen off the wall in great slabs and ill-fit

'They were fine when they went. No-one helps

HILDREN in a Bul-garian home for the mentally dis-abled were teth-brush away the flies that Her arms appear too weak to brush away the flies that cover her shaven, peeling cover scalp.

Jenny Manson, a British volunteer nurse who last vis-ited the home in January, said that during the winter several children were tethered to their beds and one was lying in a bed sur-rounded by a metal cage. The cage has since been removed. Penko Yonchev, Chichil's medical technician, said the children were tied to prevent them hurting themselves by

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striking their own faces or falling out of bed. He said there were not enough staff for the room to be supervised constantly, so the children were often left alone.

Mr Yonchev is temporarily in charge of the home after the director's resignation last week for "personal reasons" He remembers 10 children dying between November and January, but aid workers in the region and in the capital, Sofia, insist the documented death toll was 15.

Seven came from a better run home for younger children at Gomotarci, a few miles away. When the chil-dren turned 10 last year, the law dictated they be trans-ferred to Chichil. Ms Manson last saw them lying unsupervised in an unlit quarantine room. Within a few months,

they were all dea "They were all fine when they went there," said Morag Drysdale, another British nurse working in the nearby town of Vidin. 'It's the transition which is really difficult for them. No one helps them adapt and they just give up

and die." Mr Yonchev says, the chiled princi



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David Hearst in Moscow

USSIA'S Commu-nists, optimistic of victory in next month's presidential election, promised yesterday to pursue a programme of economic growth and moder-ate state regulation in which the rights of foreign investors would be respected.

would be respected. The message was a clear in-dication that the party's leader, Gennady Zyuganov, wants to challenge President Boris Yeltsin for the middle ground of Russian politics. With many opinion polls put-ting Mr Yeltsin marginally in the lead, it is in the battle for the centrist vote that the cam-naign will be hardest fought. She said her party's prior-Yeltsin tribute to Sakharov

PRESIDENT Boris Yelt-sin laid flowers on Andrei Sakharov's grave yes-terday, the 75th anniversary of the physi-cist's birth, saying the Nobel peace prize-winner had taught Russia about demogracy paign will be hardest fought. To this end, the Communist Party fronted a moderate economist, Dr Tatyana Korya-gina, to present its economic priorities. Dr Koryagina is a former adviser to Mr Yeltsin and works in an institute funded by the ministry of democracy. The ceremony was one of a number of events in Mos-cow this week dedicated to the Soviet dissident who conomi

She immediately denied a spate of scare-stories in the died in 1989. spate of scare-stories in the Russian media that the Com-munists were preparing to renationalise the banks and conduct far-reaching changes in monetary policy. "The rights of foreign investors would be guaranteed." Dr Koryagina insisted. "They have been investing accord-On Monday, dissidents, friends and politicians attended the opening of the Sakharov Peace, Progress and Human Rights Museum. Displays focused on victims of Soviet repression. **Television monitors showed** have been investing accord-ing to existing legislation, so conflicts around the former Soviet Union, including the war in Chechenia. Meanwhile, three Rus-

they cannot be made victims of changes in legislation." The Communist pro-gramme was one of "eco-nomic growth and growth of sian soldiers were killed and five wounded in over-night clashes with separatnational well-being", she said. "The economic policy of [prime minister] Viktor Cherist fighters in the Chechen capital Grozny, Russian news agencies said yester-day. They also said a pow-erful bomb was defused in nomyrdin's government is the fight against inflation, while ours is a programme of the city's headquarters of economic growth, because you can't speak about the the pro-Moscow adminis-tration. - Agencies.

fight against inflation if you | ities would be to boost pro-can't overcome the decline of | duction in agriculture, food can't overcome the decline of production."

support the nuclear sector and technology. The state should have a role in regulatproduction." The present government, its policies agreed with the in-ternational Monetary Fund, has sharply cut the inflation which followed the introduc-tion of reforms in 1992. But output has halved since 1992 and Dr Koryagina said it con-tinued to decline in the first three months of this year. ing prices and industries pro-viding the basic necessities for life, she said. But there would always be a place for the wingth context the private sector. "Our line would be the three months of this year.

minimum of prohibition and maximum of permission. But the main attention will be put on help to national factories producing goods for mass consumption, for the poor and middle classes. In this sphere the turnover is very

big and quick." Asked how the Communists would fund their programme, Dr Koryagina said Russians held savings of 100-150 trillion roubles (£13-£16 billion) and the issue was how to attract them for investment.

According to her estimates, Mr Yeltsin has already allot-ted up to 100 trillion roubles in election promises. "Most of these promises simply won't be kept, and most of the money will go on paying [ar-rears in] salaries," she said.

Beside her sat the Commu nist Party's campaign chief, Valentine Kupstov, who denied a spate of opinion polls giving Mr Yeltsin an & per cent lead. He said his party's own surveys put Mr Zyu-ganov far ahead of Mr Yeltsin, by 30 per cent to 17.

Mr Kupisov clashed with one of his main backers, Vik-tor Anpilov, leader of the Stallnist party Working Russia, for saying that he would make bankers do a bit of honest work "on the lathe". Mr Kupstov said: "We have disagreements with Viktor Anpi-lov on approaches of principle, but that does not mean the campaign is not united."

WEU dismissed Izetbegovic fears for poll in British report Router in Sansjevo

BIZetbegovic, has expressed concern that the Bos-David Fairhall

nian Serb president, Radovan Karadzic, may hold a referen-dum to rally support for himself and disrupt post-war elections.

hope of securing an inte-"He may even try to strengthen his position by carrying out a kind of refer-

between the European Union and Nato.

The report will be seen in Brussels as another symp-The Western European Union, seen by many in Brussels as the best Brussels as the best British diplomats — whattom of Westminster's Eurograted European defence and ultimately a European army, has been dismissed with the British presidency

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them and they just give up and die'

been nailed up in place of missing windows. Inside, the smell of urine

and faeces is overpowering. In the main dormitory, two out of three radiators have been disconnected, and toad-stools are sprouting from the rotten floor. In an upstairs room, 13 teenagers with severe mental and physical handicaps lie in stinking sheets. Many show signs of malnutrition and skin disease. Several have their limbs tethered.

An emaciated girl called Valentina, aged about 16, lies with her hands tied behind her back with a length of bandage. Her spindly legs are also bound. In the bed opposite, a girl of 14 called Katering sits unright looking down at her painfully thin ankles

four children in each bed, and gave them each four aspirin a day, "to warm their bodies and keep off hypothermia". Tanya Petkova, who is the head of social services in the nearby town of Kula, said Chichil's heating had to be turned off at night because of lack of funding from the central government. To keep the boilers running 24 hours a said. day would have required an extra 60 tonnes of coal, cost-ing 120,000 levs (approximately £800.)

Mrs Petkova's claims of un-derfunding were angrily de-nied in Sofia. Evgeniya Spassova, the deputy minister of Labour and Social Affairs, said less than half of Chichil's coal budget had been spent The rest had been siphoned off for other uses. "Money we raise in the cen tral budget is re-allocated to

Cold and neglected ... Inmates of Chichil mental home, where 15 died last winter, victims of underfunding and bureaucratic disputes. PHOTOGRAPH: JULIAN BORGER

mest the needs of the local | fought for more than a year to population," Mrs Spassova Bulgarian aid workers in Sofia say the present labour ministry is more committed vear. to reform than its predecessor but confirm the government is facing resistance from conservative local authorities. After the Guardian reported the savage conditions in a camp for mentally handicapped men in Angel Voivoda in December 1994, the Bulgarian government ordered its closure and brought

Nine months on, Mrs Spas-ova insists the Chichil home keep the camp open as a means of providing employ-ment. It was finally closed on will be moved to another site about 30 miles away within anitary grounds in April this weeks. But so far the new buildings have neither been The government and the ought nor renovated. local authorities in the nearby town of Kula have been aware of the conditions MacIntyre International, a British-based charity that

helps people with learning disabilities, has offered to buy in Chichil since Ms Mansor wrote a graphic report of a visit to the home in August 1995. "What is happening in one of the buildings, a former hotel costing £40,000, and is currently trying to raise funds

for fair elections, but the peace process in many of its aspects will be halted," he Mr Karadzic has resisted attempts by the international mediator Carl Bildi to unseat him and remains "in the saddle", the Bosnian President, Mr Izetbegovic said vesterday. "Obviously Mr Bildt has not succeeded in ... removing Karadzic as it seemed [he had] two or three days ago. Indicted twice by a United Nations war crimes tribunal

in The Hague, Mr Karadzic has refused to step down as required under terms of the Dayton peace agreement. Mr Izetbegovic's Muslim-led government fought for in-

"If it is not prevented, not as of the WEU and this year's British MPs by insignificant. only will there be no chance In a report* on the

pillar. Unlike Nato it

year-old.

inter-governmental conference at which the WEU's 40role as the military arm of 10-country organisation, the crossthe European Union will be party Commons defence

an issue. Britain has achieved committee concludes that there is almost nothing the modest improvements in WEU does that cannot bet-ter be done by Nato. The MPs can find "little signifithe WEU's ability to con-duct military operations, confined to the so-called cance" in the concept of the WEU as Nato's European "Petersberg" tasks of peacekeeping, humanitarhes ian relief or rescue. It "no continuing signifi-cance" in Europe's collecwould accept closer links between the WEU and the tive defence. Nor is it EU, but does not endorse some other countries' amessential to collaboration on military equipment. bition to integrate the two

The committee sugge organisations. Slovaks' support for that the WEU's most useful membership of Nato has cooled, with 38.7 per cent role - preferably under a new name - is to provide a structure within which last month in favour of Europeans can conduct peacekeeping or humanijoining against 42.5 per cent last December, an opinion poll said.

ested. But much remains to be done, in the MPs' opin-ion, if it is to be a bridge pean Union, HMSO, \$11.50

dependence against separatist Serbs for three-and-a-half tarian operations when the United States is not interthis country regarding these young people is a crime of hu-manity and someone must It is uncertain whether the years until the peace treaty was signed by warring fac-tions in December. children of Chichil can be charges against its directors, take responsibility," the but the local municipality report said. evacuated before another winter descends. SAILING HOLIDAYS FROM £118 PER PERSON. That's all it costs to take your family on an adventure of a lifetime - a trip to Disneyland Paris.

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By Jingo for July? Don't rule out an early Europhobic election

BY threatening non-cooperation with | British policy over the beef crisis is the workings of the European Union as a result of the continuing beef ban, one which is of the Government's own John Major has taken a dangerous leap into the dark with this country's future. His statement to Parliament yesterday promised non-cooperation with a set of European partners who — whatever their own current domestic problems over the single currency - are increasingly impatient with the anti-European hysteria in this country. This was not a carefully thought out response to the genuine difficulties imposed by the beef crisis. It was an impulsively self-indulgent reaction, hastily cobbled together for party reasons after Britain's failure to get its way on beef derivatives at the veterinary scientists' meeting on Monday night. Some will say that it can be coolly ignored because it is rhetorical, designed mainly to excite the backbenches and the Tory press as the Whitsun recess begins. We say that that is too complacent. Mr Major is letting loose a whiriwind which could put at hazard the whole of this country's relationship with Europe.

This of course is exactly what a growing section of Mr Major's party want. The Conservative Party, its fantasies whipped into hysteria by the rightwing press, is in an unprecedentedly febrile mood. The beef crisis has been hijacked by the Europhobes and is now being used as a lever to break the link with the EU altogether. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that some parts of the party are in the mood for war. The beef crisis has encouraged Conservative Europhobes to adopt language and attitudes which shame their party and this country and which are damaging our national interest. The anti-German mood among some MPs is an absolute disgrace. Mr Major, to his shame, has chosen not to use his authority to put an end to such talk but instead to put his authority at its service.

making. The beef crisis derives directly from two longterm Conservative obsessions which were given their heads during the 1980s. The first was the encouragement of the view that all regulations, including in this case health and safety regulations in the meat industry, were a shackle on business. The second was the Conservative government's consistently servile attitude to the interests of the agricultural lobby, as opposed to consumer or environmental interests, not least through the CAP. One of the upshots was the spectacular spread of BSE in British cattle, something which the Conservatives have always belittled and failed to understand. This neglect has tainted the British meat industry, and we are all now paying the price. The European ban came years after bans by America and many other nations which went wholly unremarked by the party and the press. But the Conservatives have

allowed their obsession with Europe to blind them to the logic of consumer boycotts. In this country, BSE has not yet been eradicated. Until it is, consumers will rightly be sceptical of stupid claims that British beef is the best in the world. If so, heaven help the world.

Mr Major's actions are those of a weak leader. The great danger now is that when his threats fail, he will be weaker still and allow himself to be driven by his party into even more confrontational positions against Europe. Increasingly, the logic of the Government's position takes it towards withdrawal from Europe altogether. If Mr Major means what he says, June could be the moment when the remnants of pre-Thatcherite Conservatism are finally washed away by the rushing tide of Europhobia. A jingo election in July? Don't bet against it.

Fundholders in the dock

No queue iumping but still some serious shortcomings

FOR five successive years Health Secre- | million only covers extra management taries have showered praise on them. and computer costs. To that has to be There have been six waves of fundhold- added the extra administrative costs doctors, They HOW COVER over half the population of the country - GPs with their own budgets to cover drug costs, non urgent hospital care, outpatient treatment and community services. But until yesterday there was no comprehensive analysis of their work. That is the first indictment of ministers, who not only introduced an untried and untested scheme dreamed up by Kenneth Clarke on holiday, but refused for political reasons to monitor what potentially could be the biggest change to primary health care since the NHS was launched 50 years ago. Now the Audit Commission has completed a review which shows the ministerial "success story" is full of holes. Paradoxically, the report finds the most common criticism of fundholding - the creation of a two-tier NHS system under which fundholders' patients with lower clinical needs jump ahead of non fundholders' patients - unfounded. The fundholders are not nearly as sharp-elbowed and competitive as ministers hoped - or the BMA feared. There are more serious shortcomings: excessive administrative costs, poor practice in assessing general population needs, a failure to survey patient wishes or obtain feedback on hospital treatment, and an intense wariness in setting priorities. The full administrative expense of fundholding is not exposed because the widely reported £230 | over-spent budgets - even more urgent.

ate in nealtr authorities and hospitals. One damning example deleted from an earlier leak showed one hospital trust was spending four times as much negotiating contracts with 13 fundholding practices accounting for four per cent of its income as the local health authority

Letters to the Editor Tax, facts and Hanson increased rates and coverage | of VAT, or council tax. Nor should we forget the growth of charges for medicines, an expending list of NHS treat-

GUL COLOMY. J Ball 9 Broadlands Close, London N6 4AF. used to return some of the tax increases suffered by those on

lower incomes, or to improve public services. Probably the only reason Labour has not proposed this is that they have experienced the cam-paign of Tory lies and distor-tions that would follow. Stephen Baker. 52 Britten Court, Abbey Lane, London E15 2RS.

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PERHAPS unwittingly, Lord Hanson makes a. powerful point. He shows how far the Tories and their media supporters have been able to

ORD Hanson, in his fan-tasy on potential Conservative success at the next election, describes £59,000 a year as not being uncommon nor constituting great wealth. It's preity uncommon round our way and if our family saw that much money between all of us we'd be calebrating.

Try working six days a week (sometimes seven) for £12,000 a year and you might get a little closer to reality. As it is, we still manage on such, and only have to worry about more elderly relatives trying to survive on £34,000 a year pension. Lord Hanson really does live on another world. Robert Bracegirdle. 1 Sickleholm Drive,

Stoneygate. Leicester LE5 5TS.

THE article is based on a false premise. Ken Living-stone may be encouraged to share his views with Guard-ian readers, but will have no ORD Hanson claims that in the state-run car industry collapsed by producing cars which nobody wanted. It was under private ownership that it become bankrupt, and it was investment whilst under influence over the contents of Labour's manifesto (other state control which produced the newshift profitable Rover, Jaguar and Range Rover de-signs, which boosted that than a vote during the Roads to the Manifesto process, the same as every other party member). The equivalent miscompany before privatisa-tion. Since privatisation, fi-natice could not be found to take would be to assume that Teresa Gorman MP will be writing the Conservative polproduce a new range of mod-els, and it was sold to the icy on European Integration. Today there can be no return.

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or "let off steam". Their abil-

ity to communicate with others is massively reduced.

And cars are so unmanoeuv

ever to cyclists and walkers. As a cyclist, I fail to see how

motorists are to be envied. Robin P M Clarke.

Road

How to register a reduction in the grim toll of child abuse

duce a national register of child abusers. It is a matter of fact, supported by research, that abusers of children often repeat their offences despite neath condemnation; they are convictions and lengthy rising above dismissal in order to protect society.

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Governor, keep the police informed of their residence and work. There would be sanctions to ensure that there was no breach of these conditions, and should the offender fail to Aylesbury, Bucks HP18 0TL

meet the requirements then he could be brought back before the courts. I beleive it would be necessary to apply hese requirements retrospec tively to ensure that the many abusers already convicted are brought within the system. Access to the register would be available to potential mployers.

I see no legislative or administrative barrier to creat-ing such a register, although there would be some costs in its establishment and mainte nance. However, these would be minimal in comparison to the savings in human misery, and in medical and psychological help needed subse-

THE conviction of two pae-dophiles for the murder and abuse of a small boy raises again the urgent need for the Government to introand which prevents potential victims in the future. Those working in Grendon, staff and prisoners, are not sinking be-

prison sentences. The register would require convicted child abusers to T C Newell. Springhill, Grendon Underwood,

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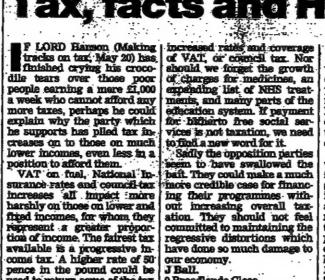
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YOUR report of Timothy Morss and Brett Tyler's crime and conviction (A grim fantasy that led to boy's murder, May 17) is misleading. After observing that both men fied to the Philippines following the crime, it states that attempts are being made to curtail the activities of paedophiles through the Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and In-

citement) Bill. In fact, this Bill deals only with the activities of the mi nuscule number of tour opertors who promote sex tours which conspire to facilitate or incite the sexual abuse of children abroad. The Govern-



which accounted for 91 per cent. Stephen Dorrell remained unmoved yesterday. Change was non negotiable. Absurdly, he suggested it would be "a desertion of my responsibilities to turn away from the scheme". But there are a score of ways in which the current scheme could be improved. It will be a dereliction of his duty not to move. The only justification for the large additional administrative cost is demonstrative additional benefits to patients. These cannot be measured at the moment because 80 per cent of fundholders fail to seize the chance of changing the pattern of medical treatment which fundholding offers. Dorrell is right when he insists all political parties and most professionals - have long campaigned for a primary care led health service. Fundholders have moved the NHS towards such a system as even Labour, with its alternative GP commissioning model, concedes. But Labour has no timetable for change which makes the reform of current faults - including under-spent and

Learning on the never-never

Labour's student loans leave a higher education shortfall

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shock: Labour abandons student main- Labour's proposals which were submittenance grants for a new system of ted to the Dearing Committee yesterday loans. But no longer. The funding crisis would retain a minimum earnings in higher education is too serious - and threshold below which people would too well known - for even the National not be required to pay and extends the Union of Students (NUS) to make repayment period from the current five Mickey Mouse protests. To his credit, the NUS leader welcomed Labour's plan yesterday, noting the urgent need for a fairer system of student support. Uni- would be expected to make a parental versities in the UK have moved from an elite to a mass system of higher educa-tion but failed to reform the grant system on the way. Part-timers, who now number 500,000, are still ineligible for grants as are a growing number of older students. Even the poorest traditional undergraduate is now required to cover 40 per cent of the cost of maintenance. Just because the present loan system is regressive and deters students from poorer families - as even the Conservative Political Centre concedes

TEN years ago it would have caused a | - should not rule out all loan systems. and improve facilities. By using the National Insurance system to collect repayments, the scheme would drastically reduce current administrative costs and dramatically reduce the chance of default. Yet Labour is still ducking one uncomfortable issue: contributions to tuition fees. Yesterday's plan still leaves universities seriously under-funded.

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entify taxation with direct taxation. For in overall tax- Frank S Hughes. ation we are being taxed as 57 Repton Drive, never before. He made no ref- Hastington erence to National Insurance, Crewe CW1 ISA.

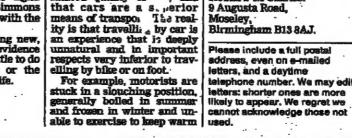
Driven crazy

FROM a case which came before Chelmsford (Essex) magistrates in November 1830: James Wilson of Stock was returning from London on what is now the A12 with his horse and cart when he passed Robert Simmons and another man driving a "break". Soon afterwards, Simmons passed Wilson and then pulled up sharply, causing Wilson to run into the back of the break. Wilson offered to pay for any damage but Simmons refused and wanted to fight.

chological fixes any more Wilson would not fight and drove off, so Simmons and his associate pursued him, cut-ting at his face with their whips. At the Shanfield turnthan by technical ones (How to curb the rage; Leader, May 21). The biggest propaganda campaign in history, car ad-vertising, has sold the myth pike, Wilson stopped to wash that car use is the sans to personal liberation of en-hanced quality on a and the blood off his face. Simmons also stopped and again challenged Wilson to fight. When he refused, Simmons hit him in the mouth with the butt of the whip.

Road rage is nothing new, and the historical evidence suggests that it has little to do suggests that it has little to do with crowded roads or the CJ Bearman. 169 Avon Road, Chelmsford,

Esser CM1 2LA.



HE problem of road rage

cannot be solved by psy-

Other concerns **Our art critics visit the V&A**

AVING lived through war and air raids, I sometimes | STACKED several card-board boxes outside for ruband air raids, I sometimes ask myself when going through the Barbican complex: what happens when bombs fall or explode here? How can people be saved when buried under the tunbling masses of these sky-scrapers? Daniel Libeskind's esign for the V&A extension Oak Cottage, Stoke Close, Stoke D'Abernon, is for me the realisation of this nightmare. M Illingworth. 103 Station Road

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IN THE shadow of the high-minded debate on the ap-pearance of the V&A's \$42 million extension, it is being overlooked that the projected admission charges will, for many, put the interior itself totally out of bounds. Nicholas Tooley. 22 Gainsborough Road, Upton,

WHAT a sense of propor-tion our TV supremos display. Nine days of solemn music and "testeful programbish collection which I saw later had been partially crushed I could not think ming" when a nonagenerian dies after a lifetime of wealth what it reminded me of until I Mast information me of unit in read Deyan Sudjic's article (May 20). A similar fate struck me as not inappropriate. E T Shepherd. and privilege (With despest regret, G2, May 20), while the slaughter of a classroom of five-year-olds and their teacher merits the postpone Sarah Ponsford. 1 Woodlane Close, Brandean, Alresford, Hants SO24 0JR. Cobham, Surrey KT11 3AE.

WAS interested to see Libes-kind's design for the V&A extension described as "an Ar-iadne's thread". My recollec-AMES Hamilton-Pater Uson's nauseating attem to prove that his palate tion of the story is imprecise. Did Ariadne drop her thread more catholic and cosmonol tan than anyone elses (Out and then, attempting to find it, make one hell of a mess in a look, May 18) is nothing short of barbarism. Perhap pile of cardboard boxes? Vanda Hargen. 3 Egerton Drive, this is merely an attempt to boost your mail-bag. Leo Lyons. Chester CH2 2.JE.

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ently by the victime Brian Roycroft. St George's Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2SY.

YOUR article (Perversion without cure, May 17) about Grendon Prison's treat-ment of sex offenders describes us as a "sink of sexual perversion". This misses the purpose and the effect of our rk with serious, dangerous and damaging offenders. It is important in our approach to address with offenders their dysfunctional behaviour so that we sustain their motivation to change and they become more satisfactorily functioning members of soci-ety. Our experience has been that, with the staff's skill and care, with prisoners' strength

allow for the prosecution of individual paceophiles who travel independently to countries like the Philippines to abuse children sexually. As the law currently

stands, paedophiles can and do abuse children abroad, then arrive back in Britain sometimes with video evidence of their sexual crimes and, even if these tapes are discovered, face nothing more than a charge of possessing pornography. Indeed, there are many men in Britain today who are known to have sexually abused children abroad and yet face no risk of prosecution. (Dr) Juita O'Connell

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rable and fat that they get stuck behind obstacles that On the censorship debate are of no significance what-

WILLIAM Hetherington of Housemans Bookshop (Letters, May 18) responds disappointingly to A Baron's previous letter (May 4) on its choice of stock. When did fas-cists and Nazis ever care about democracy? Any organisation or way of thinkorganisation or way of think-ing which can make people so please don't misquote Vol-taire at me. afraid because of the colour of Malcolm Mitchell. their skin or sexual orienta-London SE20.

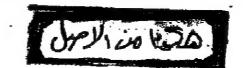
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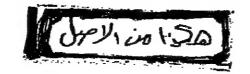
SOUTHERN CHILTERNS: they are from the north seem to be driving spring back into winter. On high ground the cherry blossom appeared snuggled deep - are being so smothered by shoals of more cold-tolerant shoals of more cold-tolerant goosegrass that the flowers have the look of some sub-merged blue seaweed. But most species seem to be cop-ing rather well. The local red kites, needless to say, are oblivious to the wind. They toy with it, threading their way between chimney orth way between chimney pots and tall beeches with their forked tails doing furious rudforsed bus comp unious run-der-work. Today, I saw three floating in procession, head-on to the wind, above the ridge woods south of Ibstone. Past them, in the opposite direction, streaked my first hobby of the year. In one of

these woods there was a plant I couldn't recognise. It was a I couldn't recognise. It was a dead-nettie of some sort, with flaccid stems more than a foot tall, and buds still tight shut. I thought I'd discovered some rare hemp-nettie — until it dawned on me that the prod-iou was comply a vallow such igy was simply a yellow arch-angel whose leafy growth had far outstripped that of its be-numbed flowers. But the most heartening adaptation was on heartening adaptation was on the way home. In a spell of sunshine I spotted a group of house martins hawking for insects in the lea of a wooded south-facing hill. There seemed to be about a score of them, but when I looked through hincenlars I could through binoculars I could see that there were uncount-able hundreds, in a loose, boiling mass that stretched up to the tree-line and away into the distance We project into the distance. We project our own seasonal depression too easily on to the natural world. If house martins can cope with spring in the freezer, anything is possible. RICHARD MABEY

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Diary Matthew Norman

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ONDROUS news. Our old friend Derek Thompson, TV's Thommo (45), appears on five pages of Hello! mag. azine with fiancée Julie Corney. The pictures are fabulous (unopened pre-sents in Harrods boxes, ca-sually strewn around his sually strewn around his "plush apartment"; Julie cuddling a lamb — so natu-ral — on a racetrack), and yet what most touches me is TV Thommo's account of how, at Doncaster, he saw Julie for the first time. "She was the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen in my life." he confides. "I was very busy so I sent my floor manager over to her with a note..." You can almost hear the You can almost hear the theme from Love Story, can't you? We may dip fur-ther into the interview in the future. As for the wedding, although an invitation has not arrived for Steptoe — Thommo's conqueror in last summer's Great Tip-ster Stakes — the West Highland terrier has no intention of being absent at Bury St Edmonds Church at 1 lam on June 23. However, the dog cannot decide what to buy the couple, since their wedding list is available only on an 0891 phone line, at 49p per minute.

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Times has a 16-page sec-tion on Dr Who. One former Timelord says he'd love to reprise the part, but is wor-ried about the Venusian karate. "I might find it diffi-1000 cuit kicking somebody under the chin," says Jon Pertwee.

Shagger Norris is likely to resign this summer so he can publish his memoirs in October — and no wonder, since his ad-vance, we learn, is £100,000. He is so pleased, in fact, that he is advising others with reputations for naughtiness to write their own. As for Shagger himself, the one thing said to be troubling him is whether or not to paint a full portrait of his former boss at Transport, Brian Mawhinney, as "a bumbling and indecisive buffoon".

RANSPORT minister

NOTE from the TV that Gerry Adams has a glorious suntan (with which he looks a bit like a Muslim fundamentalist). We wondered if he might have been away on holiday (the Middle East is very nice at the moment), but apparently not. "He hasn't been anywhere," says the Sinn Fein press office. "He's just a nice colour." Aha.

I elling the truth about older women

Commentary Catherine

Bennett which the stati could have, print in a family newspaper." Even in the Guardian, with its liberal ways, and consider-able nudist following, repro-duction of the "shock photo" ATURISTS, lechers

ArtURISTS, lechers and admirers of Jerry Hall, will find an unexpected trast on page 147 of the latest issue of Vogue. Here, Mrs Mick Jag-ger is revealed in a state of dismaying disorder. Although her bra remains in place, her knickers have come adrift, and settled well below the organs of generation, a misduction of the "shock photo" would cartainly lead to com-plaints from our more old-fashioned or shyer readers. But Vogue is at pains to present this little feast of flesh as a wholesome, healthy enterprise. The photographs of Hall, and three other semiof Hall, and three other semi-naked women, are introduced as a feature on "real women with real body hang-ups". Presumably female readers are meant to inspect the photographs, observe that even the bodies of models and organs of generation, a mis-hap which seems to cause the model nothing but satisfac-tion. Although the photo-graph has an undeniable impact on the viewer, it is hard actresses do not conform to Vitruvian standards of perfec-tion, and feel consoled about

pact on the viewer. If is hard to know why it is there, or what it is for. Possibly Vogue is hoping to tickle the jaded palates of Sun readers who have tired of their monotonous diet of bo-some Parkers is michted and their own physical short-their own physical short-comings. When Jerry Hall ad-mits to feeling awful when younger models go "floating around and I come out look-ing like a squashed sausage", the common reader imagines that this is careful how sho soms. Perhaps it wishes us to muse, à la King Lear, that un-accommodated Jerry is but such a poor, bare, forked anisuch a poor, bare, forked ani-mal. Should we marvel at the consistently voyeuristic feats of that grizzled artiste, David Bailey? Or fantasise about the thetic sisterhood. Such pub-had clearly been plunged into

fulfilling home life that is Mr and Mrs Jagger's? If the snap aspired only to astonish, it has succeeded. Under a front page beadline, the Sun slob-bered at "No-Knickers Jerry's Shock Photo", regretfully concluding: "It is a picture which the Sun could never which the Sun could never twint in a family newspaper." gar. or even pornographic. Far from being exploitative, nudity is presented as posi-tively, admirably feminist. At last, leading models and ac-tresses are endorsing the eventies shown Out bodies seventies slogan, Our bodies, Our selves!

A recent strip-show in Es-quire was commended by our senior feminist, Germaine Greer, "Twe been saying for some time that it would be a great help to women if men's maggetings showed nitmers of magazines showed pictures of older women's hodies," she said. "They age much more slowly than their faces, so it might dispel young men's phobias if they actually saw what they are going to get." In Esquire, young men's pho-bias were dispelled by nude photographs of three actresses, none in her first, or

wesses, none in her first, or even second youth. What could you see? Well, Felicity Kendal appended her body to a blue pole, which concealed her primary sexual characteristics while allow-ing viewers to admire the impressive condition of her hips and thighs. Jane Asher, the

one. From Fullerton resorted to body-painting. The idea, according to Fullerton, was to prove that "one can have a thriving career and look ter-rific after 39". She was indig-nant when the pictures came out "with no copy whatso-over. No mention of actresses u'un certain âge", or of why we were photographed in that "I'm certain age", or of why we were photographed in that way. It made uo sense at all." Felicity Kendal has also grumbled that her nudity was featured "completely out of context", for all the world as if a different context would have led to her nakedness being gawped at in a quite dif-ferent — medical? anthropo-logical? — way. One feels that Kendal and Fullerton are ask-ing a lot of Esquire and its readens As Kometh Clerk ad readers. As Kenneth Clark ad-mitted, in his classic work on the nude, "No nude, however abstract, should fail to arouse

trary, they are all too often comical, pathetic, or both at the same time. Both Vivienne Westwood and Shirley Con-ran have been ridiculed for their moments of highminded exhibitionism; even their more conventionally al-luring juniors in Vogue and Esquire displayed enough squashy and blurry skin to arouse more alarm than emulation among women readers: these pictures show that even a life devoted to bodily preser-vation cannot preserve skin-

formaldehyde the last time the Beatles reached number one. Fiona Fullerton resorted to body-painting. The idea, according to Fullerton, was to prove that "one can have a thriving catter and look terbatographic version of Ro-din's *Le Penseur*. The actress Emma Thompson, who con-siders nudity "freeing", posed naked — but arty as anything naked — but arty as anything — in the manner of Velas-quez's Rokeby Venus. This noble rear view, described by the Times in 1906 as "abso-lutely natural and absolutely pure" was also favoured by the attentions of Mary Richardson, the suffragette, when she took her little chopper to the National Gallery. "I didn't like the way men visitors to

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the gallery gaped at it all day," she explained later. As they could not, surely, be engaged in straightforward titillation, perhaps this new procession of naked ladies is committed to the same

subverted? And if they can, does it really interfere with

their curiosity? For some women artists, the solution has been to overturn "normative categories of the female body", with repre-sentations of nudes looking as nasty as possible. Others have simply given up female nu-dity as a bad job. Perhaps our older actresses and models should do the same? The prospect of these ageing women grimly claiming the proper-tiles of youth is neither inspiring nor dignified, but the vi-sual equivalent of HRT: it merely confirms that it has become impossible for a wom-an to grow old gracefully.



a spaceman and

live in the sky?

Tom Hodgkinson

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS 9

HOEVER said that young people were apathetic and unam bitious? I have just returned from a meeting with three

young representatives of an organisation called the Association of Autonomous Astronauts, or AAA. Equipped with no money but a big dream, the AAA have a simple programme: space travel in the community by

the year 2000. For those of you who are thinking that the idea of building a spaceship in your back yard may be taking the DIY ethic a little far, read on. These neonle are serious but These people are serious, but they're not talking about apace exploration as we know it. Assembled in the Clerkep-

well pub, not far from the Guardian's offices, are three conspiratorial twentysomethings: John Eden, a North Lon-don charity worker by day; Paul Nomex, who "works with frequencies" and orga-nises raves; and Jason Skeet, a shaven-headed ex-toilet cleaner and auto-didact who is now full-time press officer for the Inner City branch of the AAA, one of the eleven AAA groups that have ap-peared across Europe in the

Past year (there are two in Paris and one in Italy). And as if that wasn't which we might liberate tech-nology to build spaceships," says Skeet, "we're also look-ing at creating more emanci-patory ways of thinking. We question the divide between inner and outer space. How does it prevent us from thinking autonomously? So we're trying to explode that and create a new way of thinking about space travel and a new

concept of space." When queried on the practical progress of their mission, the AAA like to cite the example of Steve Bennett, who, on February 2 this year, success-

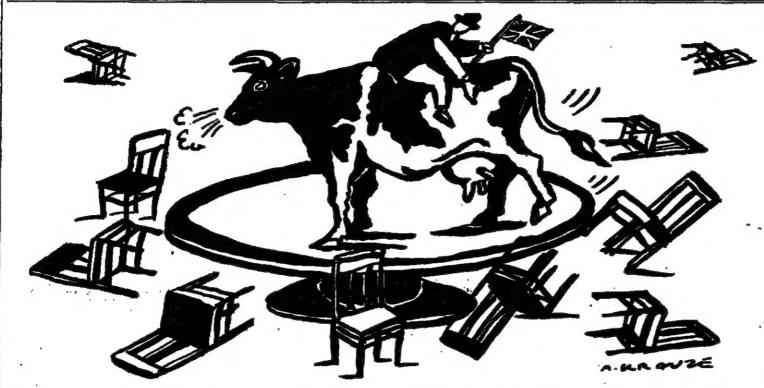
all the attitudes that the AAA are trying to overturn. "As a government-funded space agency, they are organised in a very corporate, bierarchi-cal, centralised way." Like many members of their genmany memoers of their gen-eration, the AAA see informa-tion-sharing networking groups as the path to auton-omy and freedom, in contrast to the hierarchical informa-tion-retentive work practices more common among mem-bers of the baby-boomer

generation. Says John Eden: "We are opposed to Nasa, because, operating under the guise of erating inter the guise of public security — whatever that is — they hide informa-tion. We don't know what weaponry exists. We find it totally abhorrent that ordi-nary people are paying for them, through their taxes, to an out into space and then they do not tell us what they're doing. We think that information should be shared and that's the only way to

But space travel for the AAA doesn't necessarily in-volve sending physical beings into physical space. "You can explore space just as easily plugged into the Internet," says John Eden, "or sitting in your room, meditating, staring at the ceiling or getting off your face on drugs." Or, as the Tao text the Lao Tzu puts it "He never looks out of his window Yet he fathoms the Way of Heaven." Or, in the words of George Harrison: "Without going out of my room I can know all there is worth knowing."

EX in space is another element of the AAA's agenda. Skeet says: "One of our hypotheses is enough, the AAA have a that sex is going to be even philosophical mission to better. That's based on cerchange the very way we think about the world. "As well as looking at practical means by conditions." In a sense, the Autonomous Astronauts' mission fits in to the tradition of pemphisteering: the circula-tion of subversive, satirical, playful publications intended not for commercial gain but to help people question the dominant ways of thinking about individual potential, about the role you are en-pected to play in society. If you think about it, the idea that it might be possible to send yourself into space must

be fairly liberating. "Freed from gravity, we will be freed from war," runs one AAA slogan. Its profully launched a rocket gramme is essentially the ex-named Starchaser 2 nearly pression of the kind of lust for 2,000 feet into the sky above liberty that characterises



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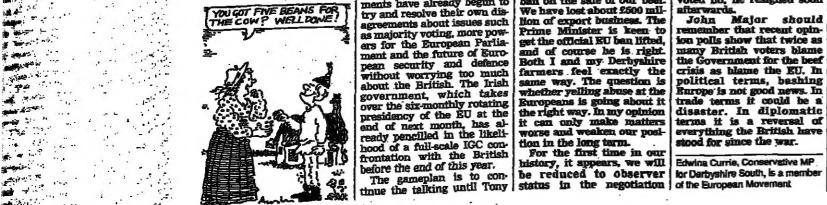
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Smedia demand for him, with his book now out in paperback, that Terry Major-Ball has been out of contact for a week, and I am forced to follow his activities in the newspapers. He was on the front page of the Liverpool Echo's weekend supplement, looking a touch sombre while holding a garden gnome, but in revelatory mood. Terry confesses that he recently travelled on a 125 train for the first time, and also that he has broken a decade on the wagon with a pint of shandy in a pub. Whether it was bitter or lager shandy, he does not say: but then it is important never to relinquish the last vestiges of mystique.

HE launch party for. Terry's book Major, Major is tomorrow evening, and the Diary is torn between that event and another. For Railtrack is holding a party to celebrate its "successful" flotation at the Natural History Museum. Shareholders will be pleased to learn that the do will not threaten future dividends: it is the taxpayer who will pick up the £80.000

bill.

RANHWILE, South-West Trains, the first railway comment has shown precious lit-tle goodwill of anykind to date. Major took every opp-portunity to underline his depany to be privatised, has excelled itself. It has determination to block any seri-ous reform of the EU cided to close Twickenbam cided to close Twickenham station this Saturday, when the Bath versus Wigan inter-code rugby match is held at the stadium. This institutions long before the British BSE fiasco ever became public. The simple truth is that, as far as the future evolution of means travellers will be able to go to the station and the EU is concerned, the other change trains, and can even members have long since buy a cup of tea, but will under no circumstances be allowed outside to go to the given up on this Government. That is why Chancellor Kohl, President Chirac and the other EU Jeaders are recon-ciled to delaying a Maas-tricht-treaty IGC agreement until after the next British match. South-West's reasoning is so simple, it's unanswerable: because of the game, there will simply be too many passengers. general election. The other 14 EU govern-ments have already begun to try and resolve their own dis-Genius.



John Major versus Europe: what happens next? John Palmer argues that the EU will play for time; below, Edwina Currie (left) and Teddy Taylor assess the impact

The lone ranger

Madness to bash our partners

The chap next to me yelled: "Go for it, John!" as the Prime Minister an-nonnced his policy of non-cooperation with Europe. "Sort 'em out!" I turned to my neighbour in surprise. His constituency is on the Kent coast; his voters earn

""" "Got 'em out!" I turned to my neighbour in sorprise. His constituency is on the good money in tourism. If anybody gains from close links with Europe, it's him. To me, some of my Tory MP colleagues have taken leave of their senses. Here we are, with a worldwide ban on the sale of our beef. We have lost about £500 mil-tion of export business. The Prime Minister is keen to get the official EU ban lifted, and of course he is right. Both I and my Derbyahire farmers feel exactly the opposite of what I we about 2500 mil-tion of export business. The Both I and my Derbyahire farmers feel exactly the opposite of what I we about 2500 mil-tion of course he is right.

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Major's threat to paralyse the working of the EU if rapid progress is not made in lifting the beef ban. It is not difficult to see why. For all his fierce words in the Commons, Maleaders. Nor will the prime minisjor's declarations now carry as much credibility in other ter's threat to turn the Flor-

given up on this Government.

agreements about issues such

indignation. When it comes to proposals for a closer Euro-pean Union, the UK govern-

farmers feel exactly the same way. The question is whether yalling abuse at the

Europeans is going about it the right way. In my opinion

it can only make matters worse and weaken our posi-

tion in the long term. For the first time in our

RITAIN'S Euro-pean Union part-ners appear dis-tinctly underwhal-agor's threat to paralyse the orking of the EU if rapid a beef ban. It is not difficult see why. For all his fierce wris in the contingency planning of the other EU ity — as opposed to decision by qualified majority vote — will anyway have been drafted to suit British interests. thetoric on EU issues and per-plexed at the sheer chaos which has characterised its have tried the same trick in past summits with little last ing effect. All that would hap-pen is that the other 14 leaders would issue their own set of conclusions on everything from Bosnie and the post-pres-idential election situation in Russia to jobs and the IGC — in Brussels. In their anxiety to which has characterised its rather more than some other countries. The British Government's propensity to shoot itself in the foot as it tries to get tough will be tested time and again Brussels. In their anxiety to armage the Fort Burgaren the Brussels in their anxiety to be lifted soon. But Major's as much credibility in other EU capitals as if they had been uttered by the Grand Old Duke of York. The specific threat to with-draw British "goodwill" in the delicate inter-government in the Maastricht treaty in the Maastricht treaty in the Maastricht treaty proposals for a closer Euro-proposals for a closer Euro-proposal Euro-p

We're on a rollercoaster out of the Euro-nightmare

WHEN I arrived at the Commons yesterday after addressing the Rochford NFU (following a nice British beef lunch), I gained the imbad occurred. Four of the new Burosceptics rushed to meet me, one even trying to hug me, and cried: "It's fantasvehicle available to us is to go to the Euro-court, which will take at least a year to make up its mind and almost certainly reject our complaint. Ganne. He subtried out of the, and cred: It's names meetings in the late 60s. They ignored his absence and got on with business. The next time he put his case to the French people in a referendrum, in 1969, they voted no; he resigned soon aftermarde. In my surgeries I recently had a lively group of entinusi-asts complaining about the crueities of live animal ex-ports. I had to tell them that even if every MP wanted to but the trade or had no ben the trade, we had no power. The fishermen came to see me. I had to explain that decisions on catches I had just assured the Roch-ford farmers that because of John Major should the surrender of powers to the were made by the Council of Ministers. many British voters blame the Government for the beef crisis as hlame the EU. In political terms, bashing Europe is not good news. In trade terms it could be a diagonatic and flowers to the wives of the current Euro-bosses in the hope that they might be kinder to Brit-ain a bit somes. What can we do? We could have the power to demand the restoration of decision-mak-ing if the Government could secure the clear authority of disaster. In diplomatic terms it is a reversal of everything the British have stood for since the war. most voters in a referendum. Until then, chocolates, flow-

The saddest message of yes-terday is the brutal confirmation that there is little which | Sir Teddy Taylor is Conservative the UK Government and Par- MP for Southend East

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the Northumberland Moors, much of marginal activit A major component of the these days. The drug and rave

enemy because it represents you won't reach the moon.

A major component of the fuel was sugar, and the pro-ject was partly sponsored by Tate & Lyle. The AAA philosophy is out-lined in their recently released first annual report, an elegantly produced self-published pamphlet outlining the core ideas. In the report, Skeet declares an information war on Nasa. Nasa is the enemy because it represents you won't reach the moon.

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Willi Daume

Always an **Olympic loser**

raeli athletes and officials killed — when it ought to be remembered as a peak in the life of Willi Daume, who has died aged 82. As president of the West Ger-man Olympic Committee, he kindled the idea of bringing the Games back to Germany, won the support of the International Olympic Committee. and then organised those Games to return the divided Germany to the forefront of

the Olympic movement. It was the action of the Black September terrorists, and West Germany's decision to boycott the 1980 Moscow Games, that probably dashed Daume's chances of succeed ing Lord Killanin as President of the International Olympic Committee. Daume's career seemed dogged by situ-ations not of his own making; just when he seemed en route to the podium, something got

in the way. Few, other than the IOC presidents, have worked so hard for sport and the Olym-pic Games as Daume did. A man of energy and vision, he did much to repair his coun-try's stained image when he came into international sport after the war. From the start of the modern games in 1896, Germany had been a big player with doubtful inten-tions. Under Hitler, the 1936 Berlin Games became a propaganda platform for the Nazi party, and the country was d twice for its agression in the two world wars. Daume, patient and indus-

trious, emulated other more

***************************** Jack Wakefield writes: It was

gratifying to see your obituary of Rob Hall (May 20) but it

irks me that the heroism of Hall in staying up the moun-tain with his dying client is

treated as a matter of course. Doubtless it is true that "Ever-

est will not care one jot";

Rall's obituary is hardly the place to stake such a claim. This was a man who climbed

the 14 peaks, who climbed Ev-

erest more times than any other Westerner; this was a

man who watched his greatest

friend die and carried on

climbing; this was a man

Letters

HE MUNICH Olym-pic Games of 1972 to the Olympic movement — evoke the memory such as Carl Diem, who cre-of murder — 13 Is-ated the 1936 Olympic torch sequently by the senger in this case - it was the image of him carried subsequently by many of the members. Daume did, howrelay and the International Olympic Academy in Olymever, succeed in organising a pia, where the young mould their ideas with older Olymmemorial service in the Olympic Arena at llam the following day, and at which the Munich Opera House Orpic philosophers. Daume never quite made such strik-ing contributions to the chestra played. Daume's eagarness to wipe yet another German stain from the Olympic flag was given opportunity in the win-tar of 1975/76, when Montreal staged the Games Corruntion. ing contributions to the movement, but he deserved to Above all, he had a passion and understanding of youth in the struggle to modernise the Olympic movement, which some of his contempo-raries lacked. His one failing

tar of 1975/76, when Montreal staged the Games. Corruption, strikes and bad weather in the Canadian city brought real fears that the Games would not take place. Lord Killanin was sufficiently worried to hold secret talks with Daume and Herman Van Karnebeek, a Dutch IOC member, about staging events in Holland and Germany. was that, in 18 years as chair-man of the IOC Eligibility Commission, he did not take the opportunity to stress the absurdity of some regulations in the modern sporting world. There was a sadness about

the man, no better epitomised than in the Munich episode. The city won the right to stage the Games at the 1966 IOC meeting in Rome. If the IOC had doubts about giving Germany the Games as soon **OMING** to the rescue of his be-loved Olympic movement might Germany the Games so soon after the war, then it was have Daume's fortunes, but some Canadians who had discov-ered the plan felt Daume was pushing to get events moved Daume — he joined the IOC in 1956 — who convinced - he joined the IOC them, and that Munich should be the bost city. A new underground rail-

before Montreal proved unway and an Olympic Village as the centreplece of the areworkable. In the end, Daume's rescue plan was not needed, but it was another episode that probably damaged his campaign to become Olympic nas created an exhilarating atmosphere until the dawn of September 6, when the Pales-tinian terrorists scaled the president in 1980.

revived

fencing and shed the blood of the Israeli competitors. After The consolation prize, organising an Olympic Congress at Baden Baden in 1961, stubbed the tragedy, Daume's reputa-tion suffered a further humiliout his chance of a little glory. ation when he erroneously told a late-night IOC session Congresses, when all the com-ponent parts of the Olympic Movement — IOC, National Olympic Committees and In-ternational Sports Federathat the other hostages had been saved. Now, it is a small, forgotten piece of the drama,

cantly, were in hugely domi-nant positions in the general

These facts affected Opato-

the boycott, it was not politic to invite Olympic people from the countries who shunned Moscow, so the Congress be-came a rather stunted event.

way house of the tiny New

was president of the German Sports Confederation. It was a position that put him at the helm of post-war development, and from 1961 until his death Daume began his Olympic he was head of the German

president from 1972-75.

born May 24, 1913; died May 17,



John Rodda

Will Daume, Olympic organiser

David Opatoshu An actor upstaged by time AVID Opatoshu, who shining star. But he offered a geous gestures were the norm, penniless cripple who is bis wartime service with the bas died aged 78, was promise most people knew where actors voices had to be sought as a husband for a US Army Air Force in the one of the very few could never be fulfilled once even louder than those of the blind girl. Because of their South Pacific. But there was has died aged 78, was one of the very faw survivors of one of the magnitude of the Holo-caust had been revealed — the supply of new Yiddish speak-ers and listeners had dried up for ever. In addition, Amerialways the equal facility he had in English. women in the front rows handing out pickled-herring sandwiches and gefilte fish to infirmities, they are forced to the quaintest and, in its time, most active branches of the hold their wedding ceremony in a cemetery. It could have been horrendous sentimental As long ago as 1988, the year before Fishka, he had made complaining children - he learned to be subtle. Paul New York theatre: the Yiddish hokum. When I saw the film in a revival in Los Angeles 10 his Broadway debut with the From the time Jewish imcan Jews had become totally Muni had managed it too, but famous Group Theatre, ap-pearing in their productions of Clifford Odets's *Golden Boy* nigrants swarmed into Man-hattan at the end of the last century until the language years ago, it was plain that Opatoshu's acting had not went straight from Second Avenue to Hollywood. Opato-shu at first relied on the halfassimilated and, more signifi-

Simon Weinstock

Born to take the reins

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EING born the son of a highly successful father, with great ex-pectations for the is an enormous bur-a young person. This weinstock sought reliable, weinstock sought reliable, is successful the world advice it was to bis family, is an enormous bur-den for a young person. This is especially true in the world unbiased advice, it was to his son Simon that he turned. Anglo-Saxon capitalism, where the ultimate responsibility of any director of a public company is to the shareholders, not to the founders who shaped the enterprise Simon Weinstock, the commercial director of the General Electric Com-pany (GEC), who has died of cancer at the age of 44, spent much of his corporate career wrestling with this problem. As the son of Lord Arnold Weinstock, who took the wireless and TV manufacturer Radio & Allied Indus-tries and turned it into Britain's most impressive industrial company of the post-war era. Simon had a

tough act to follow. For nearly four decades, Arnold Weinstock dominated Britain's heavy engineering and defence industries, developing and holding together a business empire during an era in which much of the edge of British manaufacturing was blunted. Finding a suitable successor to take on this task and resist City pressure for GEC to spend the group's cash endowment of more than a £1 billion was always going to be difficult.

There can be little doubt father, who set so much store that Arnold Weinstock, the in family and personal Admiralty clerk turned relationships. Had Shmon surtycoon, long entertained the idea that Simon would even-tually take over the reins, in much the same way as he himself slipped smoothly into the role created for him by his ather-in-law Sir Michael Sobell, the industrialist, phi-lanthropist and racehorse nately, tragedy intervened. Simon Weinstock is sur-

There was absolutely no doubt about Simon Weinstock's competence. Both in-side and outside GEC, he was daughters seen as a young man with enormous talent, trained in Alex Brummer the pressure cooker atmosohere of merchant hankers

Simon Weinstock, businessman SG Warburg. As commercial and racehorse owner, born Feb-director at GEC, he ran one of ruary 24, 1852; died May 18, 1996



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son Simon that he turned. Simon enjoyed all the trap-pings of a prosperous up-bringing denied to Arnold, the son of a Jewish-immi-grant tailor from Poland. Simon's abilities quickly be-came apparent at school at Winchester and he won an exhibition to Magdalen Col-leee. Oxford, where he read lege. Oxford, where he read Greats. As well as inheriting the fine mind of his father, he also shared the family passion for horse racing and opera and was as likely to be seen at Epsom or La Scala, as Lord Weinstock himself. As Arnold Weinstock ap-

proached his 70th year, there was speculation in the finan-cial press that Simon would take over as managing direc-tor of GEC. But the institu-tional investors, who were the ultimate owners of GEC, feit otherwise and GEC began a long hunt for a successor to Lord Weinstock — he emerged in March this year as George Simpson, of Lucas. In retrospect, Simon Weinstock, who never demon-strated the ruthless ambition needed to head a public company, was probably wiser about the succession than his vived to become part of the new, modernised Simpson regime at GEC, it is reasonable to speculate that he could eventually have risen to the very top of the company that Arnold created. Unfortu-

vived by his wife Laura Legh, daughter of the Equerry to the Queen Mother, Sir Frances Legh, and three

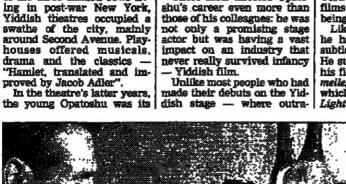
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Jeff Cloves writes: One morn-ing in the mid-1980s I saw Beryl Burton (obituary, May 7) racing. She was competing against her daughter Denise and struggling a bit. Her determination was undimmed, and she still looked beautiful on her bike. I met a member of the Morley Cycling Club and asked him to pass on a copy of my poem, Beryl and her Bike. I hope it reached her and that she was pleased to have become a muse Bergl on her bike Ooh here comes Beryl such a sight for sore cyclists' eves trim ankles turning blazing burning up the road and miles ahead she shows clean pair of wheels to all her trailing rivals perfect on her perfect bike Beryl always beats the clock pure pleasure unalloyed is Beryl for Beryl is the best yes Beryl is the best Beryl passes in a flash chromey spokes Italian alloy gleam lovely clean machine flown by in a dazzling blink es in the pink is Beryl for Beryl is the best and evermore shall be so



ceased to be the lingua franca run of showbusiness.

Like the older Molly Picon, he had to learn how to be subtle rather than to emote. He succeeded brilliantly with

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though Yiddish was for him far more than a way of mak-ing a living. His father, Joseph, was a famous Yiddish novelist and he himself pub-lished a collection of short his first movie Fishke der Le-meile, ("Fishke the Lame") which was later called The Light Ahead. It was about a

only lost none of its power but had effectively crossed the

comedies such as Me And Molly, Reclining Figure and Once More With Feeling, and the moving story of the War-saw Ghetto, The Wall. The experiences of Fishke put him in good stead with Hollywood, although there was always the touch of the Yiddish actor in his movies,

and in Night Music. He went

on to star in stage musicals

including Cole Porter's Sill

Stockings and Bravo Giovani,

particularly in The Naked City, Torn Curtain and Birthdays orably. The Fixer. But his finest role in any medium was ******************************* undoubtedly as Akiva, the Ir-Charles Aznavour, singer, 72; Kenny Ball, jazz trum-peter, bandleader, 65; Lynn gun terrorist leader, in Otto inger's Exodus. It was the only perfect act-Barber, columnist, interviewer, 52; Richard Benja min, actor, 58; George Best ing performance in that overlong, over-hyped movie (when he saw the film, the comedian Mort Sahl called over to the former footballer, 50; Chery Campbell, actress, 47; Naon director. "Otto, let my people go!") Opatoshu, looking years Campbell, supermodel, 26; Menzies Campbell, Liberal Democrat MP, 55; Jean Chalolder than his actual age of 42, with all the sadness and anxi-ety of the fight he had suppos-edly waged etched into every pore, was brilliant for the few lis, radio presenter, 62; Rina Maria Da Prato, fashion de signer, 39; Maurice Grif-fiths, yachtsman, 94; moments he appeared on Anthony Holden, writer and Jones MP, chairman Plaid Cmyru, 47; Howard Kendall. football manager, 50; Prof Christopher Peacocke, phi-Incomher 46; Rlizabeth Rowscreen. The shame is he had so few opportunities to equal He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his son, Dan, and three stepchildren. losopher, 46; Elizabeth Row-linson, mathematician, 66;

Michael Freedland

David Opatoshu, actor. born Jan-uary 30, 1918; dled April 30, 1996 Betty Williams, Irish peace PHOTOGRAPH KOBAL campaigner, 53.

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Winning day at the races . . . Simon Weinstock and his father

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Snoopy chest

ON A sunny spring after-noon. Dr Barry Weintraub, a trim and tan New York plastic surgeon, was poking his patient in the eye with a small stick. "You see, here, you're getting hooding," he said, pushing a plastic surgical pointer into the woman's eyelids. "The upper eyelids are drooping. And these," he said, pulling at the lids, 'these lower lids are puffy." The patient lifted a mirror to her reflection. "Remember what you were like when you were a kid?" the doctor said. his voice wistful

The woman nodded. glumly remembering the

clear, wide eyes of her youth, before the vagaries of New Then again, at age 28, she probably couldn't afford it. The New York Observer York left her with what she reporting on surgeons sharpen ing their scalpels for young professionals, (mostly women) who apparently see plastic surnow saw were — there was no denying it — squinting, sag-ging sockets. "Well, guess what?" said the doctor's modulated voice. You can have gery as empowerment, like yogu, carrot juice or spinning classes. (Snoopy breasts is Dr Weintraub's term for breasts those eves again." "I try not to discuss money with my patients," explained Dr Weintraub, his blue eyes lattened with age.) notably unsaggy, his tan face firm as a not-quite ripe honeydew melon. "It's just another issue totally, and it's Lemmy's line THERE'S an old Irish saying: sort of ugly." So Dr Wein-traub's svelte brunette office

manager led the patient into another office. Ten minutes later, the pa-tient left with an estimate: \$8,000 to nip and tuck her upper and lower lids, a price that included the services of an anesthesiologist, surgery at a plush clinic in a Beauxarts mansion on East 69th street and nursing visits. "We could also talk chin lipo," called Dr Weintraub from the office door as he waved farewell and the sun was setting over the blossom

Avenue.

"It doesn't matter who you vote for, you always end up

Brief but brilliant performance ... David Opatoshu with Paul Newman in Exodus

with the government." Lemmy of Motorhead giving us his view of politics in RIP. Girls Who Do It TOP TEN Reasons Why You Should Sleep With Your Fella. . To see if you like sleeping -

with boys; you may be a lezza 2. If you're lucky you might earn a "bad reputation" and all the sixth formers will ask you out 'cos they know you go ing pear trees of Park 3. The more you do it, the more experienced and better

become a groupie. 4. You can join the special club for girls Who've Done It, and they will let you hang around with them in the girl's bog during double maths where you can smoke fags and that. and that. 5. Human biology will be-come a breeze. After all, prac-tice is better than theory. 6. Established non-virgins don't need to bother anymore both forming provident anymore

prepared you'll be when you

about fussing over their ap-pearance. Have a look around with the boys, even with her growing-out perm and tide-mark foundation. Yup, she does it alright.

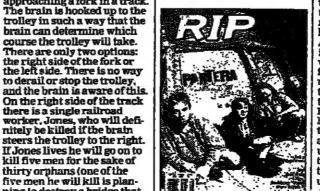
7. Some poor fool might think it means you love him, and will buy your lunches for you and save the seat beside the radiator in Geography, do your English essays etc. You will avoid years of whingeing and whining and

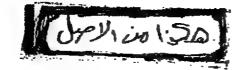
pleading and begging and the insult of being called "frigid" that the other girls get. 9. If your headmaster eets

wind of your early initiation. he may send you to see a

therapist for counselling, hopefully during those boring economic classes. 10. Cos life's too short. Be safe Advice from Jame magazine, the one that anti-porn MP Peter Luff did not get hold of. vented the pop-top can.

Brain bore **CONSIDER** the following case: A brain in a vat is at the wheel of a runaway trolley, and destroy ten beating approaching a fork in a track. The brain is hooked up to the





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Treasury admits growth target cannot be hit

Larry Elliott in Paris

HE Treasury is set to cut its forecast for UK growth this year after accepting that the rapid slowdown in Europe has made its Budget forecast of 3 per cent expansion unachievable.

With the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and forecast over-optimistic, he Development set to down-grade its UK projections for 1996, the Chancellor will un-veil more modest expecta-tions himself in his summer The Economic Secretary to

economic forecast on July 9. The OECD, already far gloomier about the outlook for gross domestic product this year than the Treasury, is expected to trim its UK tained growth, but were not enough in themselves to trigforecast from 2.4 per cent to ger a sustained fall in joblessaround 2 per cent next week.

While its annual health check of the UK will praise the Government's structural reforms, the OECD will warn payments must not underthat the increase in the Bud-get deficit caused by slower growth will mean tough deci-sions for the Chancellor in the pure to the clearching mine the incentive to work. the run-up to the election. work.'

The think tank will stress that any tax cuts in November will have to be matched by equivalent spending reductions in the public expendi-

ture round currently under | that those on low earnings in way. The Chancellor Kenneth the UK often move up the in-come ladder over time. Clarke has already warned Cabinet colleagues that his Budget leeway depends on their fiscal prudence, and An investigation of eight OECD members over a five-year period found that there was considerable mobility in may welcome the OECD's call for budgetary caution.

Although the Chancellor now accepts that the sluggish start to 1950 makes his Budget will stress that growth in the second half of the year should be running at an annualised rate of close to 3 per cent.

Fears that inflationary pressure was being stored up in the economy were fuelled by the latest official figures for the total amount of money in the system, Sarah Ryle writes. The Bank of England's

brondest measure of money supply, which includes bank "Unemployment benefit systems must work with the grain of the market. Benefit rose by a seasonally adjusted rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.6 per cent last month bringing the annual growth rate to Receipt of unemployment benefit must be conditional 10 per cent against 9.8 per cent in March.

on recipients looking for This was above the Govern ment's monitoring range of 3-9 per cent for the sixth month The Government's approach is likely to receive an-other boost from the OECD in but was lower than City ex-pectations. It reflected a rise in M4 lending of \$4.2 billion July, when a special study will support ministers' claims in April



Notebook

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Alex Brummer

Beef battle could cost Major the war

play unless it settled down and focused its activities.

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Uspel is clearly seeking to put some order into SBC's op-erations. The company is being divided into four separate entities: one focused on the domestic Swiss economy, another on what the Swiss do best - private banking - in-vestment banking in the shape of SBC Warburg and fund management through

This gives some clarity to the lines of control within the group although it is interestgroup annough it is interest-ing to note that risk control, perhaps the most sensitive area inside SBC Warburg given the nature of derivatives risks, has been switched out of the investment bank and into the corporate centre. Gradually it would seem that power at SBC Warburg, once

the UK's most powerful merchant bank, is being switched for a limited lifting of sanc-tions. But, by drawing a line in the sand now, Mr Major risks alienating the bedrock to Basle.

merged with a global competitor if that were deemed neces-sary in what has become a destabilised Swiss banking ector.

nationalism and churlish xe-nophobia" being whipped up is typical of the deep-seated concerns now being heard among some of Britain's most successful enterprises.

of his Government's support

The remarks of its presi-dent. Sir Bryan Nicholson, at

last night's CBI dinner — where he attacked the "pun-gent atmosphere of romantic

among businesses.

Marks & Spencer, which has successfully broken into the European retailing market, with turnover up 13 per cent to £407 million in 1995, makes it clear that it will be involved in currency union whatever the Government decides. It regards reports that the changeover to the Euro would cost it £100 million as wildly inaccurate and intended, like so much else, to distort the European debate. Even some of those corporations, like British Airways,

SBC Brinson, T is disagreeable enough that so many Tory back-benchers are willing to fight a third world war over British beef without the Prime Minister allowing him-

self to be dragged into the trenches with threats to put the business of Europe on Sure, it is sad if EU leaders failed to deliver on undertak-ings made at Downing Street

The new structure would make it easier — should Mr Ospel so decide — for part of the group to be floated off or

Trade spat

NOTHER year, another Arow between Brussels and Washington over trade. Every year, the annual meeting of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development is marked by the most almighty spat over a relatively obscure aspect of the multilateral trad-ing system. This year the row is about

Cuba, with even Britain join-ing the international outrage at America's decision, following the downing of a US civilian jet, to announce draconian sanctions against any international companies that do business with the Castro

The rest of the OECD be-

lieves, rightly, that the move

has less to do with trade than it has with Bill Clinton's re-

election prospects. Florida is a key battleground state and contains large numbers of right-wing Cuban emigrees

who have put pressure on the White House to retaliate.

But Clinton's response has

been the ultimate example of

taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut. The US is threat-ening to: revoke visas to exec-

utives whose companies do business with Cuba, take

action against firms that oc-

cupy premises on the island that were confiscated by the

Castro regime and refuse entry to the US market for

foreign enterprises dealing in



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churlish xenophobia, I some-

times wonder if there are

some among us who have

failed to notice that the war with Germany has ended." Sir Bryan was reflecting the opinion of many senior

business leaders who are

openly voicing their frus-

tration at the antics of the

Tory party and the impact it is having on their deal-

ings with Europe.

land.'

Individual companies | ber - who do business with were last night threatening to follow Sir Bryan's exam- Sir Bryan went on: "We Serious rifts between British business and the Government were opened last night when the Prime Minister was em-the last nucled by the protest to Mr Major. Many of them take the view that any chance of the view that any chance of the tories winning the elec-tron will be blown away if phatically instructed by CBI leaders in curch the in-cost of the first second to the tories winning the elec-tron will be blown away if they persist with anti-Euro-CBI leaders in curch the in-the tories with anti-Euro-

earnings The update of the Jobs Study produced two years ago said Britain and New Zealand - the two countries that have most closely followed the OECD's prescription — were those where the unemploy-ment performance had im-proved the most.



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CBI leaders to curb the inpean vehemence. Sir Bryan said: "Refer-ences to cloud-cuckoo land creasingly shrill Euroscep-tic wing of his party who were accused of living in worse than "cloud-cuckoo are near the mark — but I

am not sure they are strong enough. This spring seems to have brought forth a flock of cuckoos which are about as helpful as the bb-Responding to Mr Major at the CBI's annual dinner, its outgoing chairman. Sir Bryan Nicholson, said: "In lical plague of locusts." Guests at the dinner said this pungent atmosphere of romantic nationalism and

they had never heard a CBI leader deliver such an open criticism of the party big business traditionally supports.

CBI calls on Prime Minister

to curb Euro-sceptic wing

Sir Bryan said he was ap-palled by the standard of debate over Europe. "Some and business competitiveof our parliamentarians

conduct themselves with a discourtesy that can only serve to embarrass and alienate those of us - a just plain large and increasing num- it alone."

that membership of the EU was not compatible with operating in the global market. As a trading na-tion, we were dependent on access to emerging markets and this argued strongly for our membership of the EU rather than against it.

Sir Bryan's speech was quickly supported by the TUC general secretary, John Monks, who said: "At last British business real-ises the damage these Tory Euro-sceptics are doing.

hess." Mr Monks said: "Anyone who thinks that Britain can turn its back on Europe is just plain daft. We can't go Oxford Street yesterday.



IN AN effort to convince Mr Gosling and partner Stutechnophobes that surfing the Internet is so simple it art Tidy have set up the Anglo Corporation to offer can be done standing on one the curious access to the leg. David Gosling took both keyboard and surfboard and worldwide web. They are doing it through their 20 Silica stores, which are mainly in high-street rode the rollers in London's

Debenhams branches. A segsion costs 23 for 30 minutes. Leaving the surfboard somewhere after the demo was no problem, either. Mr Gos-ling's father founded NCP car parks.

The Old Lady

joins move to

make City a

green force

PHOTOGRAPH' MARTIN AMILLAN never have taken place.

which Mrs Thatcher put into the private sector, have become increasingly fearful of the unchecked anti-European debate. The company's chief executive, Robert Ayling, is among a group of senior busi-ness leaders prepared to lobby the Government over the build up of anti-European sentiment.

These business leaders are appalled at the misjudgement of the Cabinet which now appears willing to put the single European market and Brit-ain's place in a future monetary union at risk, simply be-cause the authorities were unwilling to act boldly when the beef crisis first broke. Had more radical decisions been taken to deal with the safety issue then the current unseamly imbroglio might

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Cuban sugar. Even worse, Washington is now threatening to extend the scope of its action to Libya and Iran, where Western in-Gnome power THE new group chief exect utive of the Swiss Bank Corporation, Marcel stamping his authority on the Stampin

country's third banking force. With Clinton set to win in After the strange mating November, the president

dance between UBS and Credit Suisse earlier this year, it was widely assumed that SBC could be put into

Russia seeks to April blow to recovery join think tank as mortgage lending falls

Larry Elliott reports **OECD** officials 'embarrassed' by

Moscow overtures

Bought international backing ahead of next month's knife-edge presiden-tial election when he launched an audacious bid for Russia to become a member of the West's leading economic think tank.

Officials at the Organisation for Economic Co-opera-tion and Development were taken completely unawares by the overtures from Mos-cow and admitted that they were "slightly embarrassed" by the move. The 27-member OECD.

The 27-member OECD, meeting in Paris, welcomed Mr Yelisin's request as a sign of his commitment to democ-racy and free markets. But they made it clear that Russia's enormous economic problems meant it would be years before the former com-munist superpower was fit to join the so-called "rich man's club". They said Russia had care-fully timed the application to coincide with the opening of the OECD's two-day annual

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membership was nanded to the think tank, and rotation nue which said \$3,000 homes the OECD's secretary-general, and Slovakia are expected to changed bands in April on a Jean-Claude Pays, by Yuri Ri-jov, the Russian Federation's next year.

ambassador to France, on Monday night and was re-layed to ministers yesterday. Austrian Chancellor, Franz Vranitzky, who is chairing this year's ministerial talks, said Russia's move was an "important signal", adding POPES of a sustained recovery in the housing market have been under-

mined by figures released to day which show that mort-gage lending by banks and building societies fell in However, he stressed that Russia would have to con-vince the West that it had to April. But lenders who attribut fulfil a set of tough criteria before it could follow other members of the Warsaw Pact

But lenders who attribute the downturn to the Easter holiday period remain opti-mistic that the modest recovery will be maintained in the months to come. Figures published by the Building Societies Associa-tion show a 6 per cent fall in gross advances since March to £3.24 billion, while net ad-vances — which exclude remortances — were down by members of the way and the into the OECD. The formal process to start negotiations with Russia will depend on the go-ahead from the OECD's council of minis-ters and the possibility that the communist challenger Gemadi Zyuganov may oust Mr Yeltsin means this will not happen until after the vances — which exclude remortgages — were down by almost 20 per cent at \$830 million. Mortgage approvals, which indicate underlying demand, were more than 3 per cent down at £3.64 billion. How-

down at £3.64 billion. How-ever, on a seasonally adjusted basis, lending and approvals show a rise on March and are well up on a year ago. Separate figures from the British Bankers' Association show that bank mortgage lending fell in April to 2556 million from 2522 million in March at a time when con-

ised nations and wanted to show the Russian public that March, at a time when consumer credit generally was sharply up.

it was not languishing bethe knowledge that it would hind. The formal application for membership was handed to the think tank, and Poland nue which said 93,000 homes

Users fume at BT Margaret Hughes Personal Fitamos Editor answer service, as Nicholas

Bannister reports

USTOMERS of British Telecom's Call-Minder telephone answering service are ringing in and finding no one at home. The service, launched last year

Minder fails to

get the message

has proved so popular that the system set up to handle it has been overwhelmed. Callers find they are unable to leave messages while cus-tomers are often unable to check if any messages have been left. One trate sub-scriber said: "The line's been engaged all the time. I've been paying for this service and it's not working. No one at BT

It's not working. No one at BT has written to say why this is happening and what they are doing about it." BT is installing extra capacity but it won't be in place for another month. A BT spokesman admitted that people were experiencing problems with Call-Minder as a result of the "huge success" of the service, which costs £5

a quarter. "It has been taken up by more people than we expected," he said. BT is increasing the num-ber of computers handling the

service from 21 to 37 after 500.000 clients subscribed. Call-Minder, which was

launched in May last year. does away with the need for an answerphpne machine. Messages are stored on the

| network's computers and -**Roger Cowe** in theory — can be retrieved from anywhere by keying in a pre-arranged code. BT is hoping not to make the same mistake with its lat-HE Bank of England is joining the Corporation of London in setting up a power-ful Environment Forum est product — a page which will also keep people in touch with events and scores during the Euro 96 football champi-

ful Environment Forum which aims to make the City a centre of green expertise. Bernard Harty, corporation clerk and chamberlain, told a meeting yesterday: "We want to see the City taking the lead. both in improving the physi-cel competences locally acad onship. The group is planning to test the concept during the The plan is that customers

will buy the EasyReach pager outright for about £110, with cal environment locally and in working out the implicaoutright for about E110, with people paging the owner effec-tively paying for the service. Owners will then be paged several times a day with an update on the championship. But the scheme could back-fire if it runs into the capacity merchant or countract by tions for financial institu-tions of environmental Discussions were under way with firms representing City activities from account-ing to banking. Mr Harty said: "The Bank of England is very keen. We are in the proproblems encountered by Call-Minder. It will find few friends if all it does during England's key matches is allow the boss to call you back to the office. cess of putting together a group, which should be set up



in the next few weeks." He announced the creation of the forum at an international meeting in London on insurance and the environment. The insurance industry has

been in the forefront of busi-ness concern about environmental dangets such as global warming, because of the huge insurance losses which have arisen from unusual climatic

events such as hurricanes and floods. Banks, meanwhile, have been concerned at the poten-tial liabilities arising from contaminated land, while Austr Austri Beigi Canac other sectors of the financial and legal community are also Cypru Dentit Finlan keen to exploit the business potential.

Defeated Swissair fights back in battle for duty-free store group

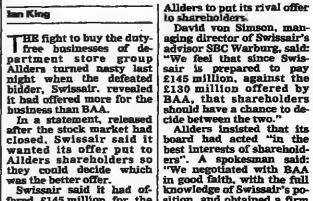
cide between the two." Allders insisted that its board had acted "in the best interests of shareholdrest interests of shatehold-ers". A spokesman said: "We negotiated with BAA in good faith, with the full knowledge of Swissair's po-sition, and obtained a firm agreement from BAA with no strings attached " fered £145 million for the chain, against the £130 mil-lion Allders accepted from BAA, and would be speak-

chain, against the £130 mil-lion Allders accepted from BAA, and would be speak-ing to Allders' institutional shareholders ahead of the extraordinary general the deal. It also said it would be "encouraging" agreement from BAA with no strings attached." It is believed that Swis-sair, which was front-run-ner for several weeks to buy the business, bad at-tions which Allders was not prepared to accept.

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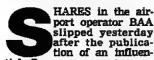
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Call for inquiry into operator's hold on Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted hits shares
Support for new £3.5bn Thames Estuary airport

MPs challenge airports monopoly

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspon



tial Commons report ques-tioning its monopoly hold over Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports The privatised company

formerly the British Airports Authority - runs the three major airports serving Lon-don which together handle some 70 million passengers a year — 97 per cent of all those in the South-east and almost two-thirds of all passengers in

Britain. But yesterday, in a report on UK airport capacity, MPs on the all-party transport

committee called on the Civil Aviation Authority and the

Among other and April 1997. Commission to "re-examine whether BAA should remain, Among other rec tions, they called on the Gov in effect, the monopoly provider of airport services in ernment to draw up a strate the South-east or whether Gatwick and Stansted should gic airports plan — producing a White Paper within two years — and to promote do-mestic rail as an alternative be owned and operated sepa-rately from Heathrow." It said the question should to short-haul flights. Im-be addressed in the five-yearly review of BAA's regu- for airport development was

Simple Boards in Deussels

RICHARD Branson yeschallenge the rules banning duty-free sales on cross-Channel trains as he helped launch a package of cheap fares on Eurostar.

Monopolies and Mergers | latory framework for the | necessary to replace the current "slow, unwieldy and un-certain" process, and "adver-sarial" public inquiries. At Heathrow, they recommended better utilisation of the airport by maximising existing runways, as well as

long-term answer to the grow ing problems of congestion at existing airports. Such a scheme "should not be ruled irges which out if demand for airport capacity in the South-east is higher landing ch could be used to fund better predicted to be substantially higher than could be satisfied public transport access, enviconmental improvements and

noise reduction measures. In addition, a proposed new 23.5 billion airport in the The committee said that BAA had performed impres-sively in building up Gat-wick, and it recognised that as Estuary could be the capacity at Stansted could not have been developed as rapidly as it has without the prof its from the two other London airports. But it added: "A noany that owned Stansted

and Gatwick might be keener to attract traffic from Heathrow, and the separate owner of Heathrow would have every incentive to develop its capacity as far as possible. There would thus be two com-panies with an incentive to provide capacity to meet amand Shares fell 17p on the day,

closing at 507p

Yesterday, BAA moved uickly to play down the MPs' onclusions. A spokesman said the company saw "no danger" that it will lose con-trol of one of London's main airports. The MMC had examined BAA's position in Lon-don before and found it to be "in the national interest". He said the real crux of the

Select Committee's report was the need to take full advantage of London's runway capacity in order to beat off competition from Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Paris. "I we don't make better use of our aircraft capacity in Lon don then they will, which will harm our economy".

This was the reason for the proposed Terminal Five at Heathrow, he said A report from the MMC relating to BAA's pricing policy at its South-east services is expected on June 10.

Forget the booze cruise, here comes the cross-Channel drink link --- courtesy of Richard Branson

gin Group is a part of the London & Continental con-sortium set to take over the Paris. They will continue to running of Eurostar services next month, plans to run return trains to Lille for duty-free shoppers. He

when Eurostar trains said: "We're going to introbegan running. duce the trains to show The move came as a new how stupid the rules are." 249 Eurostar return fare to Airlines are still free to

veiled alones run daily direct services be-tween London and Disneydo so until the end of 1998 land Paris. Both will sturi even though the right was supposed to have ended from the end of June.

A family of two adults and two children will pay \$198 to go to Dianeyland and back in trains that would have special enter-

incentives have been put tal is aiming for a stocl forward in an attempt by London & Continental to market flotation to raise fimance to build a fast-link more than double traffic in railway service from London to the Channel Tunnel. If it fails to meet volume the Eurostar trains in the next two years. The group wants to boost the mumber argets, the flotation could oľ passengers from be delayed by up to two 3.25 million last year to about 8.5 million in 1998, years, threatening a delay in the completion of the

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Marks puts on yet another solid show

From the boadroom | scope for cracks. But M&S, like its chairman, is getting on a bit, in style and fashion to the high street,

Roger Cowe finds a buoyant M&S

IR Richard Greenbury, the solid, robust chairman of Marks & Spencer, personifies the company which domi-nates Britain's high streets. That it is solid and robust is shown by yesterday's strong results, the latest in a series despite the travails of weather and competition.

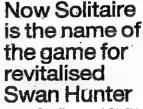
And Sir Richard dismisse critics as effortlessly as M&S fends off competitors. The chairman yesterday flicked away any suggestion of weak-

stance. Traditionally, it does not do as well in more spend-thrift and fashionable times. Also, rivals such as Burton and BhS have recovered over the past couple of years, so are more likely to take sales.

There is the hint of a crack. In food, the chain occupies something of a niche as an upmarket retailer of pristine produce and chilled ready neals. It has maintained market share, but the niche is increasingly being invaded by the top supermarkets. Just to prove the point, Tesco recently recruited a whole buying team from M&S.

As with food, a serious rival - in the shape of Waitrose has bounced back in the past year from a dismal trough





Hartyn Halself.

THE 134-year-old Swan Hunter shipyard yester-day welcomed a new contract with the arrival from Singapore of the Solitaire — the largest ship ever towed up the Type.

A £50 million contract employing up to 1,200 people, will complete its conversion from a bulk carrier into the world's biggest pipe-laying vessel. The work, for new employers the Dutch-owned THC group, is seen as starting "a new direction" for the

yard. Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend, where the verd is situated, seid: "The arrival of the Solitaire ans that the community campaign to save. Swan Hunter has been a success." He said the Government had "provided absolutely no assistance" since the yard was plunged into receivership in May 1993, after failing to win a vital government order for a belicopter landing vessel The 2,400 workforce dwindled to about 30 as receivers Price Waterhouse mounted a worldwide search for a new owner. THC took over a year ago as the receivers prepared for an auction of the yard and its contents. The last vessel to leave Swan Hunter before the rescue PHOTOGRAPH: MOUL DIXON HAS Richmond.

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ness, blaming either the media or the City, or both, for getting the facts wrong. A crisis in women's outerwear? Nonsense, Trouble at t'works council? Balderdash. Too much competition in food? Rubbish.

It is certainly true that M&S has both an impressive record and an immensely strong position. Profits last year would have broken the magic £1 billion barrier but for extra pension costs. Over the past five years, sales have grown by more than a quar-ter, profits by almost two-thirds, and the dividend by 70 per cent

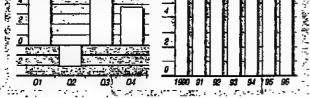
In that period it has built up a substantial financial services business as well as ex-panding abroad so that 19 per cent of sales and 13 per cent of profits come from outside UK retailing. The group has net cash of more than £1 billion.

That is a tough act to compete with, but it does not mean the giant is impregna-ble. There could be some minor cracks in the edifice.

First, clothing. M&S has the best sites and the biggest mar-ket share, which give it huge advantages over its rivals both in buying and in getting people into the stores.

It also has tremendous strength in buying teams and systems, which tends to get the right things in the shops

Marks & Spencer Stock market value £13bn Main activity: Share price 461p +28%2p Clothing and food retailing in UK, rest of Europe, US and Far East, Financial services in Workforce 65.000 4 Interest cove n/a Pre-tax profit A year of 4 quarters in clothing follows years of grow % seles increase 94/95 Total sales, Etyl



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and is now a more substantial competitor in the important outh east region. So there are a couple of tiny cracks. But there is also plenty of Polyfilla, in the form of diversification as well as core strength.

Financial services is one example of the group's suc-cessful diversification, with nearly four million charge-When the boat comes in . . . the Solitaire is the largest skip ever to be towed up the Type card accounts handling a quarter of store sales, more than 2500 million in personal loans and a growing business **Consumer watchdog lukewarm** in insurance and pensions.

NTERNATIONAL business is an example of less successful diversification. on plans to stem flow of leaks Last year M&S sold D'Al-lairds in Canada to extricate itself from one long-running disaster, but of the rest, only Hong Kong shows the kind of profits the group must expect. Brooks Brothers in the US tackle waste, writes Nicholas Bannister has finally shown some im-provement, but with less than HE WATER companies | to within plus or minus 50 per £11 milion profit on £286 million sales (including Japanese franchises) there is an awful

have told Ofwat, the in-dustry regulator, that losses through leakage should be reduced by about 25 per cent remaining four, 10 per cent. Iong way to go. The growing business in France was hit last year by cent over the 22 years to 2014disruption around Paris, but 15 — a performance which the National Consumer Council £26 million profit is not a lot out of £408 million sales. But on the positive side, just think what M&S might yesterday described as very disappointing.

Ian Byatt, the director gendo once it has established iteral of Ofwat, told a Commons and right times in the shops in the shops in the shops of the shops of the shop purce of the staff, both of which give shoppers confidence to buy. All that doesn't leave much is a shop shop person for the shop person in th

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water which they have paid for and this contrasts with the very poor performance in reducing leakage by the companies. "There has to be a much

claimed in the past that the investment needed to reduce substantially the losses from the mains would be prohibi-tive and lead to higher bills. They also pointed out that some leakage occurs from pipes on customers' premises, which they do not own.

 Trade and Industry Secre tary Ian Lang yesterday referred proposed takeover bids for South West Water by Wessex Water and Severn Trent to the Monopolles and Mergers Commission, which is expected to report back by November. The reference terms will be announced Mr Lang had to refer the bid plans under the Water Act which lays down that merg-

ers between water companies each with assets of over £30 million have to be scrutinised

High spirits taxes leave industry suffering bad case of depression

Pauline Springett

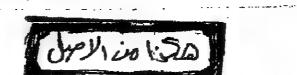
THE British spirits indus try yesterday urged the Government to cut the tax on its drinks to avoid damky Association, said the UK spirits industry was one of

age to exports, UK jobs and the balance of trade. Representatives of the Scotch Whisky Association and the Gin and Vodka £2.2 billion annually. "Increased taxation is leading to decreased reve-

Association of Great Brit-ain told a cross-party andi-he said. Mr Mortson also ence of MPs and peers that stressed the importance of conditions in its mature mecq and Guinness, have the UK tax on spirits was the export market -- more markets. Sales of Scotch all suffered flat results far too high, despite the than 85 per cent of Scotch whisky in Japan dipped recently.

4 per cent cut introduced in last year's Budget. Hugh Morison, director general of the Scotch Whis-barriers to trade world-barriers to trade world-bariers to trade world-barriers to trade worl Latin America, China and India were all rising fast, often because UK brands were bought as "aspirational" drinks, according to Martin Riley, a brand manager at Allied Domecq.

Britain's three leading



Developer seeks cash for retail project

CHRLSFIELD, the fast-growing property developer which recently unveiled plans for a retail complex at London's White City, yesterday announced a £102 million rights issue to help it finance the develop-

announced a £102 million rights issue to help it finance the develop-ment. Chelsfield said investors representing 30 per cent of the shares being issued had agreed to take up only a proportion of their rights, and their shares would be placed with City institutions. At the same time, Chelsfield announced that it was taking full control of Marry Hill, the West Midlands shopping centre in which it is already the major shareholder, for £10.3 million. News of the issue sent Chelsfield's shares down 5p to 243p, against the rights price of 990n — Ion King 220p. – Jan King

Vosper expects order

News in brief

VOSPER Thornycroft is confident of winning "at least one" big

VOSPER Thornycroft is confident of winning "at least one" big warship order over the next twelve months to replace the loss of the 5400 million. Type 23 frigate, Royal Navy contract to the GEC-owned Yarrow on the Clyde shipbuilder in February. The loss of the Type 23 contract led to the loss of 350 jobs at the Southampton yard, and cost the company £3.8 million in the year to end-March 1996. Pre-tax profits for the period rose by 10 per cent to £27.6 million — in line with City forecasts. The group does not expect to cut its workforce again this year. — Tony May

Pubs takeover planned

ENTERPRISE Inns, the fast-growing independent pub group which came to market last November, yesterday announced plans to buy John Labatt UK, the British pubs arm of the Canadian brewing group, which itself was last year taken over by Belgian group interbrew. Enterprise, which will pay £61.5 million for the 413-strong pub chain, is part-funding the deal through a £9.5 mil-lion one-for-six rights issue. — Ian King

Trust to be liquidated

FOREIGN and Colonial yesterday announced plans to liquidate its £22 million High Income Investment Trust, arguing that the move would produce "the highest possible return of value" to shareholders, and offering to "roll over" the funds into another F&C investment trust. The company, which took over manage-ment of the fund in January 1991, said the decision was taken because the fund was "too small to have a viable life as a conventional investment trust". The news sent the fund's shares up 5%p to 73p, against a net asset value of 73%p at the end of last year. — Ian King

Lufthansa cost drive

GERMAN airline Lufthansa yesterday launched a huge cost GERMAN airline Lutinansa yesterday launched a huge cost cutting programme designed to save DM1 billion by 2001, in spite of amouncing higher profits for 1995. Chairman Jurgen Weber sald the airline could not relax "because our main rivals in Europe have also declared war on costs." Suppliers are to be asked to review prices, while the combany is to continue its move asked to review prices, while the company is to con towards performance-related paxy - Keith Harper

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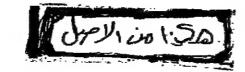
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ICK Kinane, rated by many profes-sional observers the top rider in Europe, came over from Ire-land to ride seven winners at York last week and continued to demonstrate his consum-mate skill with a double on Deadly Dudley and Don Mi-cheletto at Goodwood vesterday.

kie (Dettori) is pretty confident he will stay."
Mark Of Estrem is generally on offer at 7-1 for the Derby while the Predominate third St Mawes is rated a 25-1
Chance by Coral's.
St Mawes is owned by Lord
Swaythling who has been in the game for 41 years without ever having a runner in the Derby. "I've waited long enough and this horse will bloody well run, although I think he's more of a Leger horse really." opined his Lordship.
Dr Massini is Derby favourite at 4-1 with a run with Hill's, but yesterday's expected announcement from the Michael Stoute stable. about the extent of the colt's lameness did not materialise. cheletto at Goodwood yesterday. Don Micheletto's win in the Westminster Taxi Predomi-nate Stakes, regarded as the final Derby trial, appeared to shed little light on the Epsom Classic except to emphasise the well-being of the Godol-phin horses, trained by Saeed Bin Suroor, for whom Mark Of Esteem is the flag-bearer. Kinane got Don Micheletto to stretch out well to beat Prize Giving by half a length, but the Machiavellian colt is yet another trial winner not

lameness did not materialise. Kinane had earlier got a spectacular response from Deadly Dudley in the Teg-leaze Maiden Stakes to pul-varise the odde on fungurit verise the odds-on favourite Granny's Pet. Deadly Dudley, named after the St George's family butler in the Bahamas, was making

commented Simon Cristord, Godolphin's racing manager. "He's never been paired with Mark Of Esteen at home and his debut and rather suryou can't draw any definite prised Richard Hannon, his but goes to Rome on Sunday conclusions except that we trainer, but loved the little bit to partner Heron Island in the think Mark Of Esteem is of cut in the ground. In simi- I Italian Derby.

much the best of our colts. On breeding there must be a doubt about him getting a mile and a half but be's very relaxed in his work and Fran-kie (Dettori) is pretty confi-dent he will stay."

tating the Sale of his palatial stables near Royston. The man of the moment Kinane has been booked to ride Beauchamp King in Sun-day's Irish 2,000 Guineas and Ladbrokes make the Dunlop coll 4-1 third best behind Bijou d'Inde at 9-4 and Spin-ning World at 3-1. ning World at 3-1. John Reid rode Be

King into fifth behind Mark of Esteem in the English 2,000



Prize guy ... Don Micheletto, rside, inches ahead of Prize Giving to win the Predominate Stakes ting duty."

Goodwood with form guide

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•	Gd). FARAWAY WATERIS: Led 21 cut to over 11 cost, no éxtra, 51 2nd to Prister, with SCAPLET PLIME (gave 76), whot final 21, 119 6th and PROMISSORY (level) further 30 last of 7 (Novemarket 11nd), GoFmi, PAPIERINE: Led until headed will over 21 cut, easted final 21, 191 11th that Boars Steam in 1,000 Guinnes (Newworked 11c, Gd-Fmi). WHATERIATER AFFARE Led over 21 cut, posted cut to be the Levelan 138 (Kampton 1m, Gd-Fmi). SEL MANDER (MANDER PLOSE 20 cut, some fielder, 111 det to Sours Steam (Newbury 71, Gd-Sti).	 Blinkered first time: GOODWOOD 3.40 English luvader; 4.45 Battleship Brune, Yet Again, NEWCASTLE 6.30 Previous Girl; 7.30 Tropical Beach. SALISBURT: 6.45 King Obsd. WORCESTER 3.35 OK Corral; 3.55 Java Shrine; 4.25 April Cruise. 	Betting 7-2 Restrockers 2.6 5.1 T (class 6-6 / 7 1 doing 11 nm Betting 7-2 Restrockers 6-1 Winchow Max, Permission, 8-1 Green Jewel, Sapercal, Nassona, 8-1 Company, 10-1 Restaun Sable, 12-1 Brownia's Maden, Lucky Dip 18 remains 6.45 5.5 5.5 5.5
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broadly praising Lottery operators Camelot for the success of the venture, rec-ognised that its popularity has had an adverse effect on the betting industry.

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on the betting industry. As a result it recom-mended legislation allow-ing the placing of bets on the weekly draw — betting already takes place in Brit-ish shops on the result of the Lotto draw in Ireland.

Graham Sharpe of Hill's said: "We welcome the recommendations. Since they opened for business in May 1961, betting offices have been able to offer odds about any future event, with the sole exception of the National Lottery."

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SOCCER: ENGLAND GET DOWN TO GRASS ROOTS IN BEIJING



Leap into the unknown . . . the England players get in some light training on the much-maligned Workers' Stadium turf yesterda

believe.

Sod's Law to test Venables' defence

David Lacey finds injuries have gueered

the coach's pitch for tomorrow's match

ITHER reports of the | generally flat despite a few wretched state of the pitch in the Workers' Stadium here, where England play China tomorrow, were grossly exagger-ated or the Chinese bave discovered the horticultural equivalent of a cure for haldness. Probably the truth lies

kler system were showing through Yet England won 1-0 and nobody was damaged. David Seaman, whose brosomewhere in between. Certainly there was little to unnerve Terry Venables's players as they completed a light training session at the stadium yesterday afternoon. ken ankle in Beljing a year ago when he was playing for The conditions were hardly forbidding, and considerably Arsenal largely inspired the present scare, still felt able to less hard on the feet than a compare the offending pitch favourably with another Cyp-riot field. "The pitch that morning in the Forbidden

City. The surface is well-grassed Arsenal played on in Nicosia

team to put one over on the inventors of football may them. "It looks greener than a year ago," he said, "but it was a rut that caused my injury. The pitch is a little better, alwell present Venables with the greater problems, as Eng-land strive to keep a balance though it's still a bit bobbly. between natural pride and But I've played on far worse and nobody was hurt." "We expected it to be a lot prudent self-preservation with the European Championship little more than a fortnight away. Mark Wright having proved that footballers can injure

worse than it is," said David Platt, the England captain. "It's not ideal but it is not as bad as we were led to themselves anywhere, by damaging knee ligaments early in Saturday's game against Hungary at Wembley. Venables, who flew out alone to Beijing to conduct his own private pitch inspec-tion and then sent his assis-

England are more likely to be in danger from Sod's Law than sods of dodgy turf. tant Ted Buxton to keep an eye on the repair work he had demanded, yesterday gave the pitch his qualified approval. "It's not ideal." he said, "but Because of the time difference, Venables could not confirm Wright's withdrawal

Howey can prove their match fitness the situation in defence remains worryingly open. Yesterday the England coach made optimistic noises about Adams and Howey but he needs more practical evi-

dence before he can start making decisions. As to the team Venables will put out against China, his choice may well reflect any lingering doubts he has about the playing surface. Paul Gascoigne, who missed the Hungary game because he was playing for Rangers in the Scottish FA Cup final is due to return but can Vena-

bles take such a risk with a notoriously accident-prone

those who are on the fringe of his final 22. Jason Wilcox, Dennis Wise, Les Ferdinand and Robbie Fowler might willingly play on broken glass if they felt it would

> offset temperatures in the face China tomorrow evening the principal heat will be generated by a crowd of around 65,000. Some English fans are expected but not in any great number.

Those who do turn up can make as much noise as they like, but will risk being ejected if they keep standing up. In the Workers' Stadium The Guardian Wednesday May 22 1996

European Cup final Juventus v Ajax Amsterdam

Ajax find friends but lose players

from his brush with vehicu-

Marcio Santos and the winger

It leaves the captain, Danny Blind, worried. "When every-

one is fit we can beat Juven

tus. I don't say it's impossible now, but when you put in

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Martin Thorpe in Rome

so amid the carnage of Hey-sel. Victory would also pro-vide their own two-fingered gesture to moneybags Milan. One factor may even up URISTS have pillo-ried English football Ajax's quality advantage: this season for only Louis van Gaal's purveyors of total football are in total conproviding excitement. So it will be interesting to see tonight if their pre-ferred idols from the Contifusion about who will play. The young striker Patrick Kluivert, scorer of the winner nent can exide the class of in last year's final, will start on the bench. Fit again after a

The Eternal City put on its sunny face for the arrival of knee injury, he has not played for three weeks and is also Ajax and Juventus, two of the eternally great names of European football. And Roma deemed to be still recovering and Lazio fans were gripped by the importance of the lar homicide; The winger Overmars has a long-term knee injury, the de-fender Reiziger is suspended.

game, to a man and woman supporting the Dutch against and another key defender, Frank de Boer, is hoping to shake off an ankle injury. Two of those who would nor-mally step up from the bench are ineligible, the defender Manufo Santos and the winger the detested Turin rivals. "They have done a lot of dirty things to us," sneered one taxi driver. A better pairing for the game to decide the best club

side in Europe would have been Ajax versus Milan — who have recovered from last season's hiccup that culmi-nated in spluttering defeat by the Duich in last year's final — but the prospect of Ajax v Juventus is still rosy enough Juventus is still rosy enough players who are not regulars for 67,000 spectators in the the quality is less. You can Olympic Stadium and 500 mil- know the system in your lion television viewers to be put on drooling alert. Ajax offer adaptable play

it with your legs." It will test the new player rs schooled in one another ability to slot into Ajax's fluid positions; patient. mobile, comfortable on the ball, misystem as legend says they are brought up to do. By not starting Kluivert, Van Gaal is sers in possession and sud-denly explosive. Juventus provide more aggression, yet less adventure. Should they placing great faith in the replacement Kanu. Even the coach is not fully convinced. score first, watch them shut up shop and to hell with "We have trained very well to the capacity of this selection," he said, "but I don't know if entertainment. As history shows, fielding lots of great performers never guaranteed they have enough to win." Of course Juventus, fully fit

a great performance. Espe-cially with so much at stake. We are not talking money here. Ajaz are already guarthemselves, are not compla-cent about their opponents misfortunes. "It is not a pleasure to know they have play-ers missing," said the coach, Marcello Lippi. Despite a forward line — Vialil, Del Piero and Ravananteed 29 million in prizemoney and commercial spinoffs for reaching the final; Juventus £9.5 million.

There is pride at stake. Ajax are about to bid farewell elli — that ought to instil confidence to the contrary, Lippi to two stars enticed by Mi-lan's millions, Davids and does not expect many goals tonight. Vialli preferred to remain Reiziger, so a second successive European Cup win would

on safer ground. When asked the same question, he replied with the only true answer: "I don't know." A fitting watchword for any preview to this most intriguing of games.

prove a point about what money cannot always buy. Ju-

strengthen their chances. Yesterday a cooling breeze

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ventus would like to win the huge jug-cared trophy prop-erly, having previously done Seeing double the

al played on in Nicosia ("It's not ideal," he said, "but from Euro 96 until yesterday | player? Or, if it comes to that, ("all-worse than this," the it's a lot better. There is grass afternoon. The Liverpool de- with Alan Shearer, who has that.

Everton and Villa McAllister's national remedy in Speed chase

an Ross

EVERTON and Aston Villa will be the main United midfielder Gary Speed when the bidding for him starts this morning.

The Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson is prepared to sell the Wales international to raise money for team rebuilding after a disappointing season.

However. despite Wilkinson's pressing need for money and despite Speed's desire to leave a club which he has served with distinction since he was a schoolboy, no offer Liverpool of less than £3.75 million is likely to be acceptable to the Yorkshire club.

Everton's manager Joe Royle has long coveted Speed's skills and has made two unsuccessful attempts to lure him away from Elland Road in the past 12 months. And Royle's Villa counterpart Brian Little, another firm ad-mirer, is keen to add Speed to the squad that beat Leeds in last season's Coca-Cola Cup 2in Benfica defender Joao Moreira for an undisclosed five-figure fee. They have also appointed their former player

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Ideally Royle would like to Alan Curtis as first-team arrange an exchange deal for | coach in succe sion to Jimmy Speed, but if Wilkinson shows Rimmer

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no interest in any of the play-ers who will be permitted to leave Goodison Park this summer then Everton will not hesitate to lodge a cash bid

ruts. England have played on worse, most memorably the pitch in Limassol in 1975

when Don Revie's side met

Cyprus in a European Cham-

Then, not only was the field bumpy and pock-marked but the metal heads of the sprin-

pionship qualifier.

Speed is a lifelong Everton supporter and in his youth he delivered newspapers to the home in Wales of the Merseyside club's most successful

captain, Kevin Ratcliffe. If Wilkinson sells Speed, who has been unsettled for 18 months, he is expected to in-vest about £1.5 million in the The Leeds United and Scot-land captain, who flew to New England yesterday with Craig Brown's Euro 96 squad, is so unsettled at the Yorkshire Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Mark Crossley. This week Wilkinson signed Ian club that he admits to an uncertain future. Rush on a free transfer from "Tve been on a downer

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since the closing stages of the season," said McAllister, "be-Kenny Jackett has been appointed first-team manager at Watford. Graham Taylor, the cause Leeds need sorting out, from the dressing room to the club's general manager, recommended the appointboard room. I'd have to say I'm not settled. And I would like to see the sorting-out ment of Jackett, 34, who shared the coaching duties with Luther Blissett last sea-son when the club were rele-gated to the Second Division. done sooner rather than later. "I mean, at 31, a two- or three-year rebuilding pro-Swansea have signed the 6ft

gramme is no good to me. I would like to see good sign-ings made now so that the club can quickly regain the momentum and the standards they had when I signed from Leicester six years ago.

ship in Sweden I played in all three but still felt slightly on "I must say I wouldn't be happy if I was an England the edge of things. "Now I want to show what a man who has played 600 matches in major league foot-ball and captains his country

can do. That will put a pressure of sorts on me, but I'm ready for that. Looking forward to it in fact McAllister's inner turmoil is hardly an encouraging por-

tent for Scotland fans looking our backs. Championship itself, as the best possible restorative. Even if there is widespread ments. But he is convinced that the Scots' preparation for



said. "I was one of several senior pros in our squad who

said to Craig that we should come back to America. We did it before Sweden and it was wonderful relaxation. There are exceptional facilities for us here and we will have two very good prep matches with some sun on

"Nobody could describe the US now as a walk-over. Looking at them individually, they are so strong physically that they are similar to England. The Colombians will be like the Dutch: a short-passing game with lots of movement.

wrangles over the £427,000 rent demanded yearly by the Delle Alpi stadium in The trouble is, when anybody hears the word Miami they Turin. Nor the uncertainty over whether their leading scorer (Roy Morapita of Rainham, Essex) is about to think it's holiday time. Bu there's a team to be shaped and confidence to be built after a poor performance in our last match in Denmark. join Chelsea or Rangers for £1.5 million — the salary being dangled in front of Gianluca Vialli, top scorer of the Serie A runners-up. "Of course the results in America will be important. There's always a critical eye on you; you have to accept that every time you play it goes hand-in-hand with inter-More like how to squeeze a share of the £32-a-game

national status. "The Americans will see us as a scalp. They're starting to get big results at this level and I think it's only a matter

Serie A's finest

League Second Division, founded in 1954 and, accord-

ing to the club, sole users of

Not for this Juventus

the name in Britain.

Juventus way

work and win is in tron-ble," John Jordan, manager of the near doublewinning side in London, must bewail: "If only I could give them a kick up UVENTUS's captain is on the dole. He lives with his mum in a council flat and cannot af-

the backside and get them to train we would win a lot ford to run a car. His name is Nicky Brooks and he will more, be 18 next autumn. Shurely shome mishtake, Perhaps Jordan could you may think. But no.

never get them to match Juve's record 23 league Brooks is captain of the titles or the Italian club's other Juventus, mainstays of the North London Sunday tilt at a second European Cup against Alax tonight. But they might be able to improve on this by-no-means undistinguished season, when they finished second to ensure promotion to the First Division for the first time and also reached the cup final.

The promise of a luxury flat might help with moti-vation. Certainly the use of a Ferrari or Alfa Romeo, as routinely provided by Juve's backer Fiat, would

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not go amiss. But the London team — avid followers of their Italian counterparts — are not without blandishments of their own when it comes to luring top-class players. "If Vialli wants to come

and play for us we are pre-pared to offer him free

so where Marcello Lippi tion," Jordan pledged.

their most likely scorer when he took the first game off Andy Wiranata, but he went down 12-15, 15-3, 15-6. Indonesia finished top of Group A to some a methodial Group A to earn a match with

South Korea in Friday's semi-finals. Denmark, who beat Malaysia 4-1 to finish top of Group B, will play China.

Ice Hockey

Mario Lemieux took most of the second period off to be sick, then returned to set up Jaromir Jagr for a goel and score himself as the Pitts-hurch Panguing beat the Flor. score numseir as the Fitts-burgh Penguins beat the Flor-ida Marlins 3-2 to level their Eastern Conference play-off final at one game each.

shape for her Curtis Cup debut next month when she beat the eight-times cham-pion Ricki Thomas 4 and 3 at day by losing 5-0 to Indo-nesta. Colin Haughton looked Welsh title.

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relieved to be away from Leeds' uncertainty

ARY MCALLISTER's | and culminated in that awful spring of discontent is unlikely to be Coca-Cola Cup final defeat by Villa. We were building up to that; the wheels had fallen off made glorious summer by any sun of York. In-stead he hopes that his curby then and you could see it coming.

rent discomfort at Elland McAllister regards the two-Road will be eased during a match tour of the United few June days in Warwick-States, and the European shire and London.

Patrick Glenn on the Scotland captain

pessimism about Scotland's prospects in the matches at the European show is prefera-Villa Park and Wembley in ble to England's long haul to the middle week of next | the Far East. month, be expects to emerge

from the fray in better beart. "Coming here to Connecti-cut to play the US and then down to Miami for the Colombia game, followed by Hol-land, England and Switzerland in the championship, could hardly be better." he aid. 'It will get me out of the

way of all the uncertainty at "And I still feel that at in-

ternational level I have to achieve a bit more on the great occasions. In the World Cup in Italy six years ago I was very much on the periph-ery and it felt like it. I didn't

OUR people have been Vialli. The agent for the Juve their demands," Bordeaux's Alf Ramsey has been invited to both the opening match — relating to the allocation ning news" when Vialli "We wanted to keep them but finally announces the name of they didn't want to stay." The all other matches at Wembley the club where he will see out

his career. The three men and one Parma, and Vialli's previous side Sampdoria - who made him briefly the world's most expensive player when they sold him for £12.5 million

in 1992 - are also in the running for the 31-year-old's signature. Bordeaux's place in the sun has clouded over with the pre-

dictable break-up of the side beaten in the Uefa Cup final leged sale of unauthorised tickets.

Chelsea and Rangers must wait until Friday to find out Christophe Dugarry and Bixente Lizarazu have all dewhether they have succeeded cided they want to leave.

in signing the shaven-headed "We made them interesting

they didn't want to stay." The coveted playmaker Zidane is negotiating with Juventus. and Dugarry is also being pursued by the European Cup finalists along with Arsenal. Blackburn. Napoli and

Internazionale The Euro 96 organisers have dismissed reports that they snubbed the World Cup-winning Sir Alf Ramsey. The

former England manager, now aged 76, will spend the duration of the championship by Bayern Munich. Their Euro 96 trio Zinedine Zidane. at his daughter's home in the United States after claiming he was not invited to the

tournament. Yesterday Euro 96's media-

relations manager Alec McGi- Hagi and Croatia's Robert Juventus striker Gianluca | offers but we could not match | ven responded by saying: "Sir | Prosinecki.

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as a VIP guest of the Football Association." A later England manager,

"too good to refuse". Robson will stay in Spain for two weeks while he pon-ders the restructuring of what has for the past two seasons been a lacklustre side. "There will be reinforcements," he promised. Barca, who have al-ready signed Laurent Blanc

with Romania's Gheorghe

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"The season just finished play in any of the games. In was a struggle from the start the 1992 European Champion- McAllister . . . club blues

a share of the layers to pay fee out of the players to pay for a pitch on Hackney Marshes. Or whether young Morapita can fit in his team duties with work-

of time before they win a major championship."

Four charged over Euro 96 tickets Sport in brief Tennis Pete Sampras lost to Bohdan

Ulibrach on his return to competition in Düsseldorf

competition in Dusseldorf yesterday. The world No. 1, playing for the first time since the death of his coach Tim Gullickson, was beaten 7-6, 2-6, 6-3, giving the Czech Republic an unassailable 2-0 lead own the Univer States in Bobby Robson, was greeted by a crowd of supporters at

Barcelons airport when he ar-rived to sign the £2 million two-year deal he described as

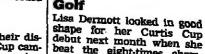
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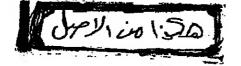
appointing Thomas Cup cam-paign in Hong Kong yesterday by losing 5-0 to Indo-

lead over the United States in the ATP World Team Cup. Gabriels Sabatini, who has a stomach-muscle problem, has withdrawn from next week's French Open, allowing the 15-year-old Martina Hin gis to take the last seeded

England completed their dis-

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David Davies at The Oxfordshire sees the Scot enjoy his biggest pay-day by winning two 18-hole matches in the world championship Tour match: Northamptonshire v Indians

Loye makes

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Torrance bankrolls his own

T THE age of 42 years and nine months Sam Torrance yester won the largest cheque of his life, with the prospect of much more to come. He won the European regional final of the Andersen Consulting World Champion-ship at The Oxfordshire club, near Thame, and in the mo-ment that he beat Colin Montgomerie on the 17th green he became £200,000 richer.

He now goes forward to the world finals, on January 4-5 in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he will attempt to emulate Barry Lane, who won the first edition of this event and the \$1 million first prize.

Torrance bounced in after his win, beaming and smoking one of his roll-your-own cigarettes, and said: "Who wants a drink?" He could hardly contain his delight at having played three matches against good friends in an almost deserted piece of Oxford-shire countryside and being rewarded with a sum 190,000 larger than he had earned during a career now in its 26th season,

"It was a great match," he said, emphasising the word match. "It's not about being six or seven under. It's about beating your opponent, and that's what I did." Indeed, he would have been only one under had he holed the 5ft putt that Montgomerie conceded on the 17th green, far from the figures both players recorded in the morning rounds when Torrance was six under in beating Miguel Angel Jimenez 6 and 4 and Montgomerie the same after defeating Bernhard Langer

4 and 3. Torrance will now play Scott Hoch, winner of the American regional final. Hisayuki Sasaki, the Japanese

qualifier, awaits the results of the Rest of the World eliminator, to be played in Wisconsin on July 29-30; this section looks the strongest, contain-ing Ernie Els, Nick Price, Vijay Singh, Steve Elkington and Greg Norman.

This event got off to a bad start last year when it scheduled the finals for December 30-31. That automatically meant the game's biggest

Rugby Union



At a stroke . . . Sam Torrance plays to the 4th on his way to victory in the world championship European zone and £200,000

is Christmas and the New the morning, some excellent Year. But that has been put right and, attracted by the golf; and the final was always tense. Torrance and Montgogame's largest purse. \$3.65 million (£2.4 million), 17 merie were playing 18 boles for £100,000, which even at their level is not a regular of the top 20 eligible players from the Sony rankings have occurrence. These past two days Tor-

rance has been prone to out-bursts of excellence. Against It still has to prove itself as an attraction, and atten-dances here have been Mark James on Monday he sparse: a few thousand free tickets to local clubs might had seven birdies in nine holes, with six more against stars would not be there, for if have worked wonders for the Jimenez. Then yesterday there is one certain time they atmosphere. Those who did afternoon he went eagle, and the hole. "That was a will be with their families it attend saw, particularly in birdle, birdle from the 7th magnificent up and down,"

Montgomerie went birdie. par, par, which gave Tor-rance an edge he was not to lose, though he did try. A drive into a bunker at the

10th was followed by a watery second, and at the long 11th a simple four-iron second was badly pushed into the same lake. It looked as if three down was about to become one down for Montgomerie, until Torrance hit a wonderful pitch to save both his par and the hole. "That was a

said Torrance without immodesty, and Montgomerie agreed that it was "the allmportant hole". Both men drove into sand at the next but Torrance holed from 10 feet to restore his three-hole margin. Even

shook hands. It was a financially famous tually he was three up and three to play and, though Montgomerie has been in a victory for Torrance but the man who came second in last year's Volvo Order of Merit, to worse situation - he was Montgomerie, confessed that dormy four down to Mark he would trade this win for that title, one that has eluded Calcavecchia in the Ryder Cup at Kiawah and halved there was to be no mirachim through all the years.

24 overs between Rob Bailey and Mal Loye after the wick-ets of David Capel, Richard Montgomerie and Tim Walton had fallen inside 10 overs to Venkatesh Prasad and Paras Mhambrey, two who may join Srinath tomorrow to form a pace trio. Bailey appeared unlucky to be run out for 41 but Loye went on to hit nine vigorous fours in making 83 from 95 balls, his highest score in any competition this season, be-

faster scoring rate.

fore he hit Anil Kumble, a team-mate last season, to midwicket. By that time, how-ever, only 13 runs were needed from 16 deliveries and there were seven balls and five wickets in hand when Kevin Curran pulled ulous recovery this time. He did win the 16th but he Sachin Tendulkar for the winning runs.

hit a poor drive at the 17th, off Wardown Park provided the sort of conditions the In dian batsmen are likely to which he did well to clear the lake let alone get close to the green; and when he missed his birdie putt from 10 feet he meet tomorrow. This is notorious strip that saw wickets fall on the open day of Northamptonshir championship match agai Essex last year. Although the ball yesterday did not per-form aerobatics as it did then, the surface was certainly live-lier than business in the Al-

lan Lamb Memorial Merchan-

dising Unit — the description

the public address announce gave to a display of testimo-nial clobber in the back of an

THE Indian team came to the leafy suburbs estate car. Once more the Indians yesterday seeking a bit relied on a major contribution from Tendulkar, who, as of vocal support and a is customary in one-day games, opened the batting and made a cultured 88 from 108 deliveries before he was last workout before the summer's business begins in earnest at The Oval tomorrow in the first one-day international. As at Lord's on Sunday, however, their preparations were thwarted; not by the weather this time, despite a bluetar: shorter 15 ourse into run out from midwicket while answering Sanjay Manjre-kar's call for a quick single. With the exception of Manjre-kar, who made 37, and Mo-hammad Azharuddin, 26, the blustery shower 15 overs into blustery snower to overs now the second innings which reduced the match by eight overs, but by a confident Northamptonshire who bat-ted themselves out of early matche to win a comfortably on batting looked pedestrian in the face of some sparky Northamptonshire seam bowling which was particu-larly restrictive at the start of trouble to win comfortably on the innings.

Azharuddin's innings ended when he edged the me-dium-pacer Tony Penberthy to Russell Warren behind the With a revised target of 192 from 42 overs it was a slick effort by the county, based on a fourth-wicket stand of 93 in stumps. It was the last contribution of the day from the In-dia captain, who had been struck several times on the right hand by Penberthy. A fracture is not suspected no X-ray was sought — but the treatment left his right knuckle scraped and sore and a further examination is planned this morning.

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breakaway they face being left isolated by their English counterparts. The Welsh Rugby Union chairman Vernon Pugh, in a

circular to all 220 member clubs this week, says he be-lieves the Rugby Football Union and its leading clubs will soon settle their differences.

"Unless we are very much mistaken, the probability is that the RFU will seek to keep its clubs by offering them very significant sums of money," he said. "Where will that money fore. The decision on that

come from? What solidarity will then remain between the various unions' clubs as Wales seeks to ensure that it secures a fair and proper share of the broadcasting rev-

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Tennis

within Wales has never been season to run. If England are removed from the champion. Pugh, who is also chairman ship, the other four countries removed from the champion-ship, the other four countries

because they had been ex-pelled but because they had England would be hit through a loss of gats income and would be unable to negodecided to go of their own volition. "If, when the Five Nations

committee has invited the

cannot be run on terms dictated by any one union. "It is hoped that good sense and fairness will eventually

prevail and that the champinow rests with the RFU, and the Celtic countries will not tolerate being treated as

Aadel Kardooni has pledged his future to the club by sign-ing a three-year contract after secures a fair and proper indigend were surprised at Aadet Kardoon has piedged share of the broadcasting rever the decision of the other three his future to the club by signed were a showdown next ling a three-year contract after the Anglo-Welsh League? The month, given that the current turning down a move to an need for total solidarity contract with the BBC has a unnamed London team.

second-class citizens." England were surprised at

HE Budweiser League is in danger of embar-rassing defeat in its attiate a television deal if they arranged fixtures with the top southern hemisphere countries while the BBC con-tract was still running. tempt to raise the number of foreign players its clubs are allowed to employ. A meeting with the Depart-ment for Education and • Swansea have signed the Newport wing Richard Rees and the former Llanelli and

Wales back Luc Evans to follow last week's capture of the fly-half Arwel Thomas from Bristol. Their former scrum-half Robbie Jones may to the Bosman judgment by rejoin them from Bridgend, but their former youth cap Daniel Hawkins looks set to leave. eave. ● The Leicester scrum-half

club. This would open the gates to a flood of cheap Americans and Europeans next season were it not for the fact that the Basketball Players Association and the English Basketball Associa-

tion are united in opposition to the move. "I don't see how it's going

Robert Pryce

to help the game," says Steve Bucknall, the London Towers and England guard and a member of the BPA executive. "It's just going to be a foreigners' game, an Americans' game. To me it's going to be a circus."

The department may not approve either. Its overseas labour service must consult "with the industry" meaning the EBBA and the BPA, as well as the Bud League — in setting stan-dards for granting work permits. It also requires, a spokeswoman said, criteria "that would not displace [European Union] labour".

"Our view is that there should be no increase," says the EBBA chairman Peter Knowles. "We have a

good relationship with the department and we hope our view will prevail." Some Bud League clubs will be embarrassed if it does. The Chester Jets, for

Wales in Super League appeal

the current Super League sea

son, although the national team captain refused to ac-

cept yesterday that the two European Championship matches would definitely be

his last for the Wales league

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side. Griffiths believes good play-

will play one another on a home-and-away basis; France have been given permission to play England in a one-off match. Paul Fitzpatrick

NGLAND's appointment of their youngest old Andy Farrell, for the European Championship is an indication of the confidence with which they can

ers would be attracted to a top club in Cardiff but will not look to the future. For Wales and France, who rush to join a South Wales meet at Carcassonne on June 5, the outlook is less certain, side playing, as now, in the Second Division of the RFL. and Wales's coach Clive Grif-France are experiencing

fiths yesterday appealed to the Rugby Football League to "fast-track" South Wales into next season's Super League. Such a move, said Griffiths, and Darren Adams, are going would ensure the continua-tion of the national side, who back to rugby union. Meanwhile Farrell was have lost some outstanding talent since reaching the semi-finals of the Centenary viewing his appointment as England captain as a possible stepping-stone to the cap-taincy of Great Britain. The Wigan back-row forward, 21 World Cup last year. Griffiths's plea may well receive a positive response. According to an RFL spokes-man, clubs have been can-vassed and there appears to next week, was the youngest forward to appear for Great Britain when he played

against New Zealand in 1993. Hull yesterday denied they would chailenge the overseasbe widespread support for a Super League side in South Wales. The earliest go ahead, quota regulations by fielding six foreign players. The club have five non-British players however, would be at the next council meeting in July. Eleven players who were available to Griffiths last Ocon their books and are reported to be about to sign a sixth, Glenn Liddiard, from South Queensland Crushers, tober are not now. Injury has played a disruptive part but Davies, Griffiths. Hadley and but their chief executive Ford have returned to union and Quinnell is about to. Stephen Ball said yesterday: "We will abide by the RFL's David Young is also due to ruling on any specific return to union at the end of player."

Duncan Mackay **P**AUL EDWARDS will this morning move closer to becoming the first British athlete to seek a court injunc-tion to allow him to compete by the British Athletic Federation. But he claims that by the time the IAAF hears the case it will be too late. If this appeal to the BOA fails, the next stop is likely to be the law courts. "If there is anything called instice we will while serving a suspension for failing a drug test. The shot putter, serving a four-year ban after failing two tests in August 1994, is to take for each of the solution. The shot putter failing two tests in August 1994, is to take for each of the solution. The shot putter failing two tests in August 1994, is to take for each of the solution.

The world governing body could suspend athletes who compete against him; it could

the pitch next door

Test to be played on

WARWICKSHIRE were yesterday given the go-ahead to stage next month's first well — but we have always 6] to make sure all is going well — but we have always had good cricket on this strip in previous seasons," be added. Test with India on a strip adjacent to the usual Edgbaston wicket.

Lancashire yesterday dis **Problems** with uneven grass growth on the regular Test wicket had prompted yesterday's visit of the Test and County Cricket Board covered that Jason Gallian's knuckle injury, sus-tained in the field at Trent Bridge on Monday, is not as bad as was first feared. pitches consultant Harry

Gailian, who returned to the crease in plaster and played out the last four balls of the match one-Dennis Amiss, Warwick-shire's chief executive, said: "We always cut two wickets in advance of a handed to salvage a draw, was initially warned that he might be out of the game Test, but there was not enough grass growing on our first-choice one. "But, with all the cold

until August. But further X-rays revealed that he is unlikely weather, everyone has been having the same problems - and we were heartened to need an operation and will be able to continue practice — although he is expected to be sidelined for more than a month.

to hear confirmation of that from Harry." Amiss said that Brind had examined the alterna-That means he will cer-tainly miss Tuesday's Bentive pitch and was "very satisfied" with its more evenly grassed appearance. son and Hedges Cup quar-ter-final with Glou-"Harry will come here cestershire at Old Trafford.

Hockey

Pat Rowley

final pass count."

Cardwell gives Atkins's team stick for not getting stuck in

The match was Britain's first without the pressure of Olympic selection. The final piece in the team jigsaw was erwe'RE not tough enough" was the man-ager Jenny Cardwell's scathput in place when the players voted to restore Jill Atkins as captain, with Pauline Robert-son dropping to vice-captain. Britain took the lead after five minutes, the Scots ing criticism of Great Britain after they went down 2-1 to a controversial late goal against Argentina, in the first of two internationals on Robertson and Simpson set-ting up a goal for Mandy Ni-cholls, but soon a speculative British pass out of defence led successive days against the World Cup silver medallists at Lilleshall. "We frequently had the ball

and the equaliser by Rimoldi. Britain's defence, in which and lost it and we let them drive through our tackles," said Cardwell. "But that was Johnson looked as if she had never been away, kept the skilful Argentinian forwards in check until a slap tackle not the only reason we lost. Our attack rarely made the gave away a late penalty cor-ner. Rose saved Mackenzie's In fact both teams seemed

to be going through the mo-tions before they meet in ear-nest in Atlanta, probably in a fails, the next stop is there is tons Denote the law courts. "If there is next in Atlanta, probably in a anything called justice we will next in Atlanta, probably in a succeed," said his solicitor. If Edwards is allowed to Besides, no one wants to get injured now and Britain can-injured now and Britain can-not afford any more casual-Status V Artica: S Machenzie,

injured now and Britain can-not afford any more casual-ties; Tammy Miller, Karen Brown and Anna Bennett could not play and Britain had to call up replacements, two of upon Culliford and Stokentin, L Culliford, C Merrett, Argentinas: V Artica; S Mackenzie, S Corvelon, K Alcega, J Castellon, G Sauchaz (capt). A Gembero, J Rimoldi, K Masotta, V Omsto, G Pando. Substitutions M Costelli, L Aymar. Umpieves L Millar (England) and L Crespo i (Argentina).

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Golf WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Thams) WORLD CHAMPICROSHP (1988) Burgeaus zone: Senti-finalitis 5 Tor-rance (GB) bi M Jimenez (Sp) 884; C Montgeamerie (Soci) bi B Langer (Ger) 433. Final: Torranes bi Monigomerie 381. WELSH WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Tendy) Final: L Derstott (Royal Liver-pool) bi V Thomas (Pennard) 483. Basketball Milds Western Conference play-off final: Social 91, Utah 87 (Seetle lead zeries 2-0). Baseball BassetCoala Asseted An Lois: Boston 16, Oskiend 4; Baltimore 13, Celtionnia 1; Milweukee 3, Misreeota 2; Kanaca C 5, Toronto 4. MatToOtal, Lois: Florida 5, Cincinnai 3; Atlanta 18, Chicago 1; St Louis 5, Houston 3; Colorado 10, Prissburgh 7; San cisco 9, Montreal 6; LA 1, NY 7.

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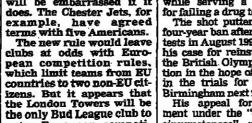
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his case for reinstatement to the British Olympic Associa-

tion in the hope of competing in the trials for Atlanta in Birmingham next month. His appeal for reinstate-ment under the "exceptional enter European competi-tion next season. circumstances" rule — he even ban Britain from com-says the tests were marred by peting in the Olympics. two of whom, Culliford and Merrett, played spiritedly.

Athletics Edwards takes ban to BOA technical infringements - was passed on to the International Amateur Athletic Federation for consideration 10 days ago

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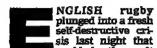


Twickenham calls emergency meeting to head off breakaway by top clubs

Rugby hits the panic button

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Robert Armstrong



could shortly result in the leading 20 clubs form-ing themselves into an alter-native union. In a last-ditch attempt to forestall an irrevo-cable split, the president of the Rugby Football Union, Bill Bishop, has taken the rare step of calling an emergency meeting of the full 63-man

Committee for Friday. Bishop, who acted as honest broker at last week's abortive talks between the clubs and Twickenham in London, fears that his one-year term of office may be remembered ultimately for the disintegration of the union, which could take place before he steps down on July 12.

The top clubs, under the chairmanship of Donald Kerr of Harlequins, have drawn up plans to develop their own competitions and television contracts at home and in Europe because they believe they are being forced out of the union.

Two major obstacles are preventing a possible settle-ment. By far the bigger is the negative negotiating style of Cliff Brittle, the chairman of the RFU executive committee, who has comprehensively failed in his brief to bring some order to the union's affairs. Brittle has also dropped

the widely respected RFU sec-retary Tony Hallett from his

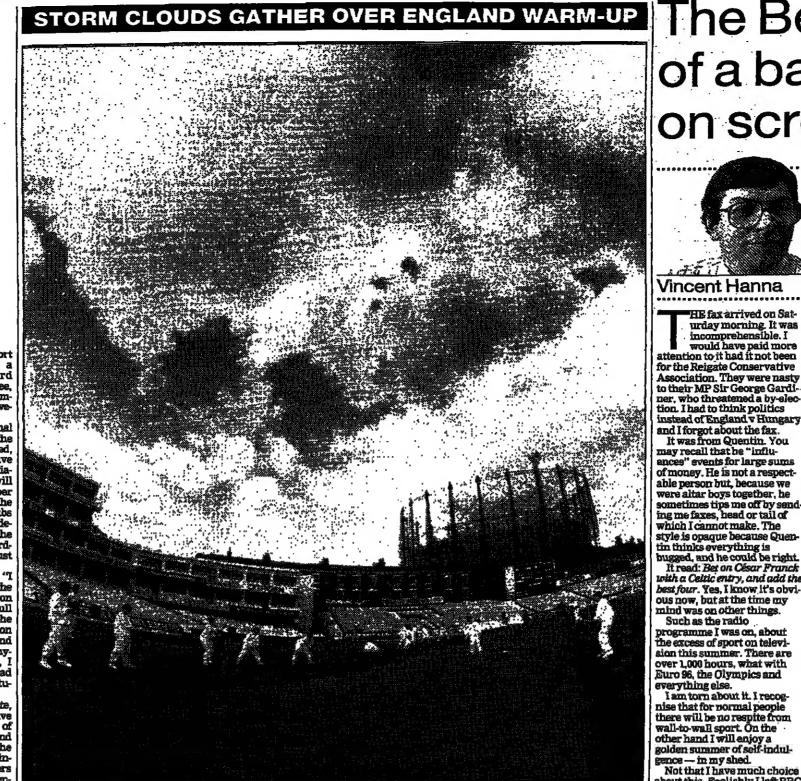
tionalists, who largely support Brittle, have conducted a fiercely fought rearguard action on the full committee, including a whispering cam paign against th minded Hallett.

The English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, as the elite clubs are now called, have told Bishop they have come to the end of negotia-tions with Brittle and will recommend to their member clubs a breakaway from the union forthwith. The clubs believe Brittle is playing a delaying game until his ally, the president-elect John Richardson, replaces Bishop in just

over seven weeks. Bishop said yesterday: "I spoke to the officers of the union and took the decision only last night to have a full meeting on Friday. All the members of the Rugby Union should hear all the facts and come to a decision. If any-thing did go badly wrong, I might not be forgiven if I had not given people the opportu-nity to have their say." At the core of the dispute,

At the core of the dispute, which has gone on for five months, is the structure of competitive rugby in England next season, together with the distribution of talevision in-come and whether the players are contracted to Twickenham or their clubs. On each issue the clubs complain Brittle has rejected the conclusions of joint negotiating sub-committees that include his own representatives.

Kerr, who last month boycott the Courage leagues



Catch it if you can . . . England practise at The Oval before tomorrow's one-day international against India DAN SATIN

Illingworth defends book

The Best of a bad job on screen



HE fax arrived on Sat-

nels. By the way, I'm told that buying and selling facilities within the BBC's internal market can make sports cover marker can make sports cove age seem economic. Now, where was I? "Heavenly bread!" said Emily over Sun-day lunch. "Yes, it is Ulster soda farl." I explained.

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"Stupid person," she snapped, "I mean Panis Ange licus, the hymn by César Franck, that's what he's on about. "She waved Quentin's fax at me. "We have to bet on someone called Panis - and on an angelic Celt." "Well, there is a grand prix driver called Panis," I said, "but he's never won anything." There was a long silence, followed by a stampede to the television. He couldn't have — could he? Unbelievably Olivier Panis

instead of England v Hungary won the Monaco Grand Prix. and I forgot about the fax. There were 20 starters and three finishers. It was either It was from Quentin. You may recall that he "influences" events for large sums of money. He is not a respectable person but, because we were altar boys together, he were aftar boys togeneer, ne sometimes tips me off by send-ing me faxes, head or tail of which I cannot make. The style is opaque because Quen-tin thinks everything is bugged, and he could be right. It read: Bet on César Franck Nette a Chica me and add the with a Celtic entry, and add the best four. Yes, I know it's obvi-ous now, but at the time my

mind was on other things. Such as the radio programme I was on, about the excess of sport on television this summer. There are over 1,000 hours, what with Euro 96, the Olympics and everything else. I am torn about it. I recognise that for normal people there will be no respite from wall-to-wall sport. On the other hand I will enjoy a golden summer of self-indulence - in my shed. Not that I have much choice about this. Foolishly I left BBC Sport's information pack

about the house, and it fell into enemy hands. An hour later my wife knocked. "Do you," she inquired, "have a camp bed in there?" "No," I said. She opened the shed door and

Actually the BBC is as much.

important to the sports au-

tise Littlewoods Pools. None of this makes finan-

cial sense and it won't until

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the most technically incompetent race ever staged, or it was Quentin's masterpiece. I thought I caught a glimpse of him on the balcony of an apartment overlooking the circuit, but I wasn't sure. Now it's all over the papers that Panis is a fine driver and the Ligier's Honda engine is formidable. But as Dorothy Parker said when Calvin Coolidge died: "How can they tell?" By the way, the angelic Celt won the Eurovision Song Contest for Ireland at 5–1, and I should have made a fortune.

HE third leg of the bet was to pick George Best's all-time favourite goal. It was No. 4, against Chelsea, and part of BBC2's tribute to our hero at 50, to which we were all glued. I found it a mixed bag, with two well-crafted documenta ries and that great 5-1 defeat of Benfice. George's daft Fan-tasy XI demonstrated why he was never a manager, and Parky's artful interview left

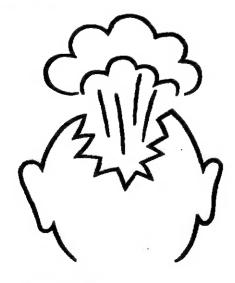
me depressed. There sat the finest footballer I — or anyone else — have ever seen, but who, in almost everything else he did, was a prize dickhead. Fortunately, for most of us, George

negotiating team, apparently because Hallett gets on with the clubs.

Another big stumblingblock has been the refusal of powerful grass-roots elements such as the countles, junior clubs and the services to back the top clubs' demand for a professional, properly funded infrastructure in the new open era ushered in by the International Board. The tradi-

and Pilkington Cup next sea-son, will probably explain Epruc's demands at Friday's meeting. He said: "Negotia tions have dragged on and on and we feel we have to bring matters to a conclusion. We need to know where we stand for next season. There is no threat but we feel that Cliff. Brittle is determined to force us to leave the union."





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Paul Weaver on an untimely publication reviving the Devon Malcolm controversy

AY ILLINGWORTH faces the prospect of disciplinary action over his book, One Man Committee, which will be published next month but to be published next mont is being serialised in a national newspaper this pires, Illingworth, who retires at the end of the sea-son, is not required to submit

Whether the punishment will be administered by a man with a black cloth over books or articles to Lord's for approval. But he can be disci-plined if he has written anyhis head or come in the form of a gentle knuckle-rap was unclear last night; what is obthing judged to be derogatory or which discloses ing his feet from under him. It confidences.

vious is that the chairman of the England selectors has up-set a number of people in the game. Again. Yesterday, as the new Eng-the State of the thinks I've Yesterday, as the new Eng-land coach David Lloyd took

got something to answer, I'm prepared to answer it. All I'll ask is let them read the book charge for the first time and made breezy, gung-ho noises under a bright Oval sky, the properly.

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tone was altogether more sombre at that theatre of black comedy, the Test and County Cricket Board, just over the river at Lord's. For the many people who are drawn to the compelling scap opera of English cricket, this was a vintage episode. The first extract from the book was published yesterday and in it illingworth repeated and clarified his criticism of the fast bowler Devon Malcolm, whom he largely blames for England losing last winter's Test series in

South Africa. Reg Taylor, general man-ager of Malcolm's club Derby-shire, complained to Lord's, and Gerard Elias, chairman of the TCCB's disciplinary

committee, warned that action might be taken. The board spokesman Rich-ard Little said last night "He



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"I don't think I've slagged anyone off or been unfair to anyone. Anybody who reads course of action in which it is supremely qualified. Illy will just sell a few more books. the book will see that. All I've done is use my right of reply to Devon, and I've not had the At The Oval, meanwhile, it looked as though we had David Lloyd, the captain of where the BBC paid to adver-

"Devon is still picking him-

In South Africa Illingworth despaired of Malcolm and even claimed he "did not have

a cricket brain". Perhaps he recognised a man as stubborn as himself, but the criticism was valid. When Malcolm

returned to England he at-

tacked Illingworth in an

article in the same paper the chairman's tome is now ap-pearing in. He was repri-manded but not fined. Illingworth's observations

are usually spot-on if blunt. It

is the disruptive nature of his timing which has really upset people. The international sea-

The timing, though, was not Illingworth's choice but the publisher's. It is also the nature of these sertalisations that they decline into obser-vations on fielding circles and

the evolution of the lbw law.

Strong disciplinary action against Illingworth would be

more disruptive than the book itself, and in view of the

imminence of the chairman's

departure the board may de-cide to fudge the issue, a

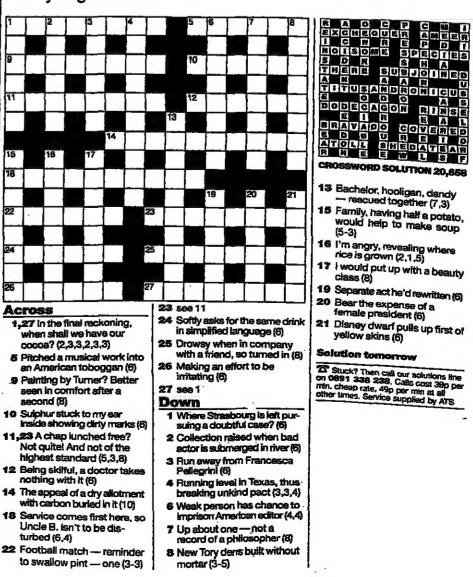
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son starts tomorrow.

chance to do that until now." This was not good enough for Taylor, who said: "We are Britain's Davis Cup team, and not the former Lancashire cricket coach. The players very disappointed that Ray I-lingworth has again publicly criticised Devon Malcolm, and Lord's have said they will look at it seriously. practised catching with ten-nis balls, Graeme Hick earning £60 after beating Matthew Maynard in the final.

self off the ground after what happened in the winter and **Guardian Crossword No 20,659**

Set by Logodaedalus is up to the board whether he can do the job, and I would be surprised if other counties don't feel the same."



is frozen in time, somewher about 1985. On Sunday he a prisoner as I am. It must bid vest sums for major sporting events, and promise extensive coverage, or it may lose the chance next time. Airtime is looked awful. He found it diffi-cult, he said, to think of him-self as an alcoholic now, because he didn't have a drink every day. Maybe it hasn't ali gone, he mused, because he had a lovely 34-year-old wom-an to share his life. And we heard yet another

rendition of that story about miss world in a negligee, £25,000 in used notes, a bottle of Dom Perignon, and a waiter who asks: "George, where did it all go wrong?" You know what the really sad part is? George still doesn't get it.

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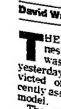
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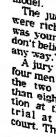
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to talk to people, be polite. Bouncing conveys the wrong image. We're not all bad, you 'cnow. We want people to have a good time."

Image? Not good, conceded close-cropped Steve, who guards the doors at Manchester's

said the slim twenty-something, "You've got

glitziest. "No longer the big, bald, fat guy,"

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